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Molina**

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, TUESDAY, JUNE 15,  
2 2004: There is no reportable action as a result of the Board  
3 of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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7 [ GAVEL ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. I'D ASK  
10 EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY  
11 PASTOR WADDELL HUDSON FROM THE PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN  
12 COMPTON FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY ROBERT CHAPA,  
13 MEMBER, WEST COVINA POST NUMBER 790, THE AMERICAN LEGION.  
14 PASTOR?

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16 **PASTOR WADDELL HUDSON:** WOULD YOU BOW WITH US IN PRAYER? DEAR  
17 GOD, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING US THIS PRIVILEGE TO COME IN  
18 PRAYER. THANK YOU FOR THIS BODY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT  
19 YOU'VE ALLOWED US TO COME BEFORE. WE INVOKE THY BLESSINGS UPON  
20 THIS ASSEMBLY AND ALL THAT ARE THEREIN. WE PRAY THAT YOU'D  
21 GIVE THEM CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE TO  
22 MAKE PROPER DECISIONS CONSIDERING THOSE THAT ARE IMPACTED  
23 THEREBY. BLESS NOT ONLY THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DEAR GOD,  
24 BUT BLESS THESE UNITED STATES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BLESSED US TO  
25 BE LIVING IN. WE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED





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1 FORCES AND ALL POLICE-KEEPING AGENCIES, THAT YOU WOULD KEEP US  
2 ALL SAFE AND SOUND. BLESS AND KEEP US, WE PRAY. IN YOUR NAME,  
3 WE HONOR YOU, WE MAGNIFY YOU, WE GLORIFY YOU, IN YOUR NAME WE  
4 PRAY TODAY. AMEN.

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6 **ROBERT CHAPA:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN AMERICAN LEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
7 PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR HEART. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE PASTOR WADDELL  
12 HUDSON, WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR  
13 THE PAST 28 YEARS. HE'S A FORMER STUDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES  
14 BIBLE SCHOOL AND CALEB SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. HE HAS IMPLEMENTED  
15 VARIOUS COMMUNITY-ORIENTED MINISTRIES, INCLUDING A FOOD  
16 DISTRIBUTION CENTER, A CLOTHES CLOSET, A COMPUTER CENTER, AND  
17 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS AND A YOUTH DEPARTMENT.  
18 REVEREND HUDSON IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE  
19 CENTURY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HE'S WORKING WITH THE CLERGY  
20 COUNSEL AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
21 SERVING AS A LIAISON BETWEEN WILLOWBROOK AREA CONSTITUENENCIES  
22 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS FIVE  
23 CHILDREN. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US. [  
24 APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY PLEASURE THIS  
4 MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. ROBERT  
5 CHAPA. MR. CHAPA SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS FROM 1969 TO  
6 1970, WHERE HE RECEIVED THREE BRONZE STARS, A COMBAT ACTION  
7 RIBBON, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE  
8 MEDAL, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, AS WELL AS A GALLANTRY CROSS,  
9 ARMED FORCES VIETNAM AND REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL.  
10 HE IS RETIRED, LIVES IN OUR DISTRICT. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS TWO  
11 CHILDREN AND WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING  
12 AND WE WANT TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR  
13 LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING.  
14 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ] [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

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16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TRY IT. [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

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18    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO TO THE AGENDA.

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20    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF  
21 THE BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. I'M GOING TO CALL OUT THE  
22 HELD ITEMS BY EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THEN WE'LL DISCUSS  
23 THE OTHER HELD ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SO, ON PAGE 5,  
24 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
25 COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D, AND WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM



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1 THE PUBLIC TO HELD-- TO HOLD THOSE ITEMS. WE'RE GOING TO GO ON  
2 PAGE 8, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ON ITEM 2, HOLD FOR SUPERVISORS  
3 KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
4 REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE AND SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUEST THAT THAT ITEM BE HELD, AND  
6 THAT ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENTS AS NOTED  
7 ON THE GREEN SHEET.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I AM, I'M MAKING A MOTION. OKAY. WE'LL  
10 CONTINUE THAT ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, THEN. SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 10, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON  
14 ITEM NUMBER 15, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM  
15 BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO TO PAGE  
20 15. ON ITEM 34, THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, HOLD FOR  
21 SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON PAGE 17, COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES,  
22 ON ITEM 39, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 41, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
2 REQUESTS THAT THAT ITEM BE HELD AND, ON THE MID PORTION OF  
3 THAT RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS TO  
4 INCREASE OR DECREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNTS, ET CETERA, THAT  
5 PORTION, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT ITEM 41?

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ON ITEM 41.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, IT'S JUST ON THE PARAGRAPH AS IT  
12 RELATED TO CITY OF PARAMOUNT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I KNOW, WE  
13 CAN HOLD THE ITEM FOR YOUR DISCUSSION BUT I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE  
14 THAT SECTION A WEEK TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S FINE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO WE'LL HOLD THE REMAINING OF THE ITEM AND  
19 THEN WE'LL CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK THE PARAGRAPH ON THE CITY OF  
20 PARAMOUNT.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND, ON ITEM NUMBER 42, HOLD FOR  
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ON THE COUNTY COUNSEL ITEM, ON ITEM 43,  
24 WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT FOR COUNCIL MEMBER LAURINE WEST AND  
25 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON PAGE 21, HEALTH SERVICES, ON





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1 ITEM 45, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK  
2 TO HIS OFFICE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO TO PAGE 29. WE  
7 HAVE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE  
8 NOTATIONS ON THE GREEN SHEET AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
9 OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** UNDER PUBLIC WORKS, ON PAGE 31, ON ITEM  
14 71, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO TO PAGE 36. ON  
19 ITEM NUMBER 89, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK  
20 CONTINUANCE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 91, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE  
25 SHERIFF IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON ITEM 91.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ON ITEM  
5 NUMBERS 96, SUPERVISORS KNABE AND ANTONOVICH REQUEST A ONE-  
6 WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL THE OTHER MATTERS ARE BEING HELD, ALL  
11 THE OTHER CALENDARED ITEMS ARE BEING HELD AT THE REQUEST FROM  
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. SO THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
13 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
14 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY PRESENTATIONS?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO ASK JANET FLORES TO COME  
21 FORWARD, PLEASE. SHE IS OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE  
22 2004. JANET, BRING YOUR HUSBAND AND ANY FOLKS FROM RANCHO.  
23 IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE JUNE 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE  
24 MONTH, JANET FLORES. JANET IS A THREE AND A HALF YEAR EMPLOYEE  
25 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE'S CURRENTLY AN INTERMEDIATE TYPIST



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1 CLERK WITH THE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION  
2 CENTER WHERE SHE TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN HER WORK AND SERVES AS  
3 AN ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS' NEEDS. JANET IS ASSIGNED AS THE UNIT  
4 CLERK FOR NEUROLOGY SERVICE AT THE J.P.I., THE JACQUELINE  
5 PERRY INSTITUTE, AND INVOLVED IN PROVIDING A SPECIAL LEVEL OF  
6 SERVICE FOR PATIENTS WITH NEUROLOGICAL DISABILITIES AS A  
7 RESULT OF ILLNESSES SUCH AS STROKE, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, OR  
8 BRAIN INJURY. WHILE DEMONSTRATING THE CARING AND COMPASSIONATE  
9 ATTITUDE, JANET GOES THE EXTRA MILE TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT  
10 OPERATION OF THE UNIT, WHICH ENABLES THE CLINICAL STAFF TO  
11 CONCENTRATE ON THE CLINICAL NEEDS OF THE PATIENTS. EXHIBITING  
12 A TEAM PLAYER ATTITUDE AND STRONG LEADERSHIP, MISS FLORES IS  
13 REGARDED AS ONE OF RANCHO'S MOST DEDICATED AND CAPABLE  
14 EMPLOYEES. SHE RECEIVED THE NURSING SUPPORT OF THE YEAR AWARD  
15 IN 2001 AND WAS RECENTLY AS WELL HONORED AS THE EMPLOYEE OF  
16 THE YEAR AT RANCHO. IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
17 AND HER DEDICATION AND ONGOING SUPPORT, NOT ONLY OF RANCHO BUT  
18 THE COUNTY, IT'S MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY  
19 COLLEAGUES, JANET, TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL IN  
20 RECOGNITION AS THE JUNE 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [ APPLAUSE  
21 ]

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23 **JANET FLORES:** I'D LIKE TO THANK ABRAHAM MACHABOU HI AND SHE'S  
24 MY NURSE MANAGER, AND ELLERY ORANGE, SHE'S OUR C.E.O. AT  
25 RANCHO. I BELIEVE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO NOMINATED ME FOR ALL OF



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1 THIS. I-- THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE HOSPITAL  
2 THAT DO THINGS AND I'M JUST ONE OF THE PLAYERS THERE AND I  
3 THANK YOU FOR THIS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I KNOW JANET HAS HER HUSBAND HERE WITH HER  
6 AND VALERIE OR TOM OR ANYONE WANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF...

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8 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, THOUGH, JANET'S PAYROLL  
9 TITLE IS I.T.C., SHE CERTAINLY IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS THE  
10 NURSING UNIT TOGETHER, AND I THINK SHE'S A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF  
11 WHY CLERICAL SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT TO PUBLIC SERVICE. THANK  
12 YOU, JANET. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE JANET. AS  
15 ONE OF OUR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS LOVINGLY SAID ABOUT HER WAS  
16 THAT, WITHOUT JANET, OUR UNIT WOULD BE LIKE AN AIRPORT WITHOUT  
17 THE CONTROL TOWER SO JUST IMAGINE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S PRETTY PHENOMENAL, AN EMPLOYEE FOR  
20 ONLY THREE AND A HALF YEARS. PEOPLE HAVE WORKED HERE 15, 20  
21 YEARS AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT, SO  
22 CONGRATULATIONS, JANET. NOW I'D LIKE TO INVITE AL BAISTEROS,  
23 CO-CHAIR OF THE H.I.V. COMMISSION, AND VANESSA TALAMANTES,  
24 JEFF BAILEY, CO-CHAIRS OF THE H.I.V. PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND  
25 CHUCK HENRY FOR OUR DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. AND



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1 PROGRAMS AND PLANNING. OBVIOUSLY, A.I.D.S. CONTINUES TO BE A  
2 VERY SERIOUS ISSUE AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MORE PEOPLE  
3 LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. H.I.V. COUNSELING  
4 AND TESTING IS CRUCIAL TO REACHING THE ESTIMATED 15,000  
5 PERSONS THAT ARE H.I.V. INFECTED AND TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE  
6 COUNTY'S ESTIMATED 2,000 NEW H.I.V. INFECTIONS THAT OCCUR EACH  
7 AND EVERY YEAR. COUNSELING AND TESTING DAYS ARE A CRITICAL  
8 COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH AWARENESS AND RESPONSE  
9 TO THE SPREAD OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND, AS WE KEEP REMINDING MR.  
10 HENRY AND THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENT, IF WE ARE TO  
11 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NEW INFECTIONS, THEN WE  
12 HAVE TO REACH OUT GEOGRAPHICALLY ACROSS THIS HUGE COUNTY. AND  
13 SO NOW, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO  
14 PRESENT TO VANESSA AND TO JEFF PROCLAIMING JUNE 20TH THROUGH  
15 JUNE 27TH AS H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING DAYS THROUGHOUT LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **VANESSA TALAMANTES:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. ON BEHALF OF THE  
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY H.I.V. PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE AND  
20 THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES, I WOULD LIKE TO  
21 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING  
22 COMMITMENT TO HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING SERVICES IN OUR  
23 COMMUNITY. THESE ARE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES TODAY AND, NOW THAT  
24 WE HAVE RAPID TESTING IN OVER SIX AGENCIES WITHIN OUR COUNTY  
25 WHERE FOLKS CAN GET THE RESULTS WITHIN A HALF AN HOUR, IT'S





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1 EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR FOCUS AND TO ENSURE THAT WE  
2 ARE PROVIDING THESE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY TO HELP ELIMINATE THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. IN OUR  
4 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
7 ANTONOVICH? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. TERRY, DO YOU WANT TO COME ON UP AND  
10 JOIN US? AND HAVE EVERYONE ELSE COME UP AND JOIN US. SOME OF  
11 YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, I DON'T DO MANY OF THESE  
12 PRESENTATIONS BUT I'M VERY PLEASED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A VERY  
13 DEAR FRIEND NOT ONLY OF MINE BUT CERTAINLY OF OUR FIRST  
14 DISTRICT. HER NAME IS MARIA TERESA GRIFFIN, ALTHOUGH NONE OF  
15 US KNOW HER AS MARIA TERESA, WE ALL CALL HER TERRY GRIFFIN.  
16 SHE HAS BEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR-- I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO  
17 SAY DECADES BECAUSE IT'S NOT FAIR TO YOU BUT SHE HAS BEEN IN  
18 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. SHE'S BEEN A LOYAL EMPLOYEE OF  
19 BARRIO PLANNERS. BARRIO PLANNERS, INCORPORATED, IS A  
20 LONGSTANDING AND RESPECTED PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL FIRM IN  
21 EAST L.A. IN ADDITION TO HER WORK WITH BARRIO PLANNERS, TERRY  
22 IS AN ENERGETIC AND VERY COMMITTED VOLUNTEER THROUGHOUT THE  
23 EAST L.A. COMMUNITY AREA. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, SHE HAS  
24 CONTRIBUTED TO THE ENRICHMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF OUR ENTIRE  
25 COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE COUNTIES, WE THINK, MOST VITAL



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1 AND VIBRANT AREAS. SHE HAS REALLY WORKED ON THE ISSUES OF  
2 QUALITY LIFE THROUGHOUT THE EAST SIDE AREA AND HAS BEEN  
3 INVOLVED IN THE FOUNDING OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE  
4 LEGENDARY MOTHERS OF EAST L.A., AN ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS AT  
5 THE HEART OF THE EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SITING OF ANOTHER  
6 PRISON IN EAST L.A. BUT SHE'S ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN OTHER  
7 NEGATIVE PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING A MUNICIPAL WASTE  
8 INCINERATOR IN EAST L.A. AND OTHER IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 VICTORIES. SHE IS A MEMBER ALSO OF OTHER BUSINESS GROUPS,  
10 INCLUDING THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE BOYLE  
11 HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ALSO INVOLVED IN THE WHITTIER  
12 BOULEVARD MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION. SHE HAS ONE OF THOSE  
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES VERY QUIETLY BUT,  
14 WITHOUT TERRY GRIFFIN AND HER EFFORTS, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN  
15 ABLE TO BE AS ORGANIZED AS WE HAVE BEEN ON MANY A HUGE BATTLE,  
16 WHETHER IT BE GOING UP TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR ATTENDING  
17 HEARINGS HERE THROUGHOUT. SHE IS THE ONE THAT KIND OF  
18 ORGANIZES, PUTS US IN PLACE AND REMINDS US OF WHERE TO GO AND  
19 WHERE TO BE. WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK THAT SHE'S  
20 DONE. I KNOW SHE'S INVALUABLE TO SO MANY OF US BUT I THINK, IN  
21 PARTICULAR, THE WORK THAT SHE DOES DAY-TO-DAY, ALONGSIDE FRANK  
22 VILLALOBOS AND BARRIO PLANNERS. SO, TERRY, WE'RE PROUD. WE'LL  
23 JUST SAY A COUPLE OF DECADES OF TERRIFIC WORK. WE REALLY  
24 APPRECIATE IT AND WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A TRIBUTE SIGNED BY ALL



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1 OF US ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CONGRATULATIONS FOR  
2 OUTSTANDING WORK, TERRY. TRULY. PLEASE, SAY A FEW WORDS.

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4 **MARIA TERESA GRIFFIN:** OH, GOSH. I AM SHOCKED. I NEVER WANT TO  
5 SPEAK. I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO COME HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE  
6 CROSS. [ LAUGHTER ]

7

8 **MARIA TERESA GRIFFIN:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I WANT TO  
9 THANK GLORIA MOLINA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BARRIO PLANNERS,  
10 THE STAFF FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME. I REALLY LOVE THE STAFF. I  
11 WANT TO THANK LUCE AND JENNIFER. I WANT TO THANK MY BEST  
12 FRIENDS, FRANK AND FATHER JOHN, AND... (VOICE WAVERING) I  
13 WANTED TO THANK THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY, BOYLE HEIGHTS  
14 COMMUNITY, RESURRECTION PARISH, AND, MOST OF ALL, I WANT TO  
15 THANK MY PARENTS, MY FAMILY, AND MY FATHER, WHO IS HERE TODAY,  
16 WHO IS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE'S IN THE 101ST AIRBORNE. HE  
17 WAS IN THE 502 REGIMENT. HE'S 80 YEARS OLD AND HE JUMPED--  
18 HE'S A PARATROOPER AND JUMPED ON NORMANDY, IN THE INVASION OF  
19 NORMANDY AND THIS IS MY FATHER. I'M VERY PROUD OF HIM. [  
20 APPLAUSE ]

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22 **MARIA TERESA GRIFFIN:** AND I WILL SAY IT'S AN HONOR AND IT'S A  
23 PRIVILEGE AND I HAVE THE MOST RESPECT FOR FRANK VILLALOBOS,  
24 PAT, JENNIFER, ADRIANA, FAQUITO AND ALEX, AND MY SECOND



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1 FAMILY, MR. AND MRS. VILLALOBOS, FRANK'S MOM AND DAD, WHO I  
2 LOVE VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, TERRY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW  
7 WORDS? THIS IS OUR MAJOR ORGANIZER HERE, FRANK VILLALOBOS.

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9 **FRANK VILLALOBOS:** GLORIA, THANK YOU FOR HONORING TERRY. YOU  
10 KNOW THAT I TAKE ALL THE CREDIT AND SHE DOES ALL THE WORK.  
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GLORIA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SHE DOES. THANK YOU. ALSO JOINING US HERE IS  
14 FATHER MARIETTA, WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN JUST PROVIDING  
15 AN AWFUL LOT OF LEADERSHIP ON MANY, MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES  
16 BESIDES PROVIDING THE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE THAT WE ALL NEED  
17 EVERY SINGLE DAY. FATHER?

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19 **FATHER MARIETTA:** GLORIA, WHERE'S THE CROSS? WHERE IS THE  
20 CROSS?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S COMING UP NEXT.

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1 **FATHER MARIETTA:** ALSO I WANT THE RECORD TO NOTE THAT IT'S  
2 TERRY'S 40TH BIRTHDAY ALSO SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER  
3 VERY, VERY MUCH. LET THE RECORD SAY SHE'S ONLY 40.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SAM, ONE LAST WORD? [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SAM ZIN CHENG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS SAM ZIN  
8 CHENG. I'M IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS CHAMBER  
9 OF COMMERCE. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE TERRY FOR HER JOB WELL  
10 DONE FOR US AND LIKE TO WISH HER A HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. [  
11 APPLAUSE ]

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS, TERRY, WE  
14 APPRECIATE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GLORIA HAS ONE MORE.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** GO AHEAD. WE CAN WAIT ON OURS. GO AHEAD. THANK  
19 YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. I HAVE ONE OTHER PRESENTATION. JOINING ME  
20 THIS MORNING ARE ROBIN TOMA, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
21 THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS. DO WE HAVE OUR PRESIDENT  
22 WITH US AS WELL? ZEDHAR BORDERHOUSE, THANK YOU. AND  
23 COMMISSIONERS MARIO SEVILLOS AND DONNA BEJARSKI. BOTH OF THEM  
24 ARE THE CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION COMMITTEE WHICH OVERSEES THIS  
25 CAMPAIGN AND WE ALSO HAVE WITH US AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF





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1 ROCK THE VOTE, MISS JENNA GREEN. THANK YOU. SHE DID MAKE IT?  
2 OH, OKAY, SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT'S GOING ON  
3 HERE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN AND A SIGNIFICANT  
4 CAMPAIGN. REGRETFULLY AND UNFORTUNATELY, FOR OVER 10 MONTHS,  
5 WE'VE HAD OVER 12 HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THAT  
6 HAVE EXPERIENCED VERY SERIOUS RACE-BASED FIGHTS, RIOTS,  
7 INCLUDING SCHOOL CLOSURES. OUR COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS  
8 COMMISSION HAS FOCUSED ON OUR YOUTH AS A STRATEGIC PRIORITY  
9 FOR CARRYING OUT ITS MISSION IN FOSTERING OUR HARMONIOUS AND  
10 EQUITABLE INTERGROUP RELATIONS, EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
11 INSTITUTIONS, AND PROMOTING AN INFORMED AND INCLUSIVE  
12 MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY. THE MISSION HAS LAUNCHED A VERY UNIQUE  
13 AND VERY BOLD PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THAT INVOLVE OUR YOUTH  
14 AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE A STRONGER HUMAN  
15 RELATIONS PROGRAM THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR YOUTH  
16 INSTITUTIONS, WITH STRATEGIC PARTNERS LIKE ROCK THE VOTE, THE  
17 COMMISSION'S YOUTH COUNCIL AND GET REAL L.A. THIS CAMPAIGN IS  
18 CALLED "ZERO HOUR, A TIME TO ACT NOW," AND IT IS GOING TO ALL  
19 WORK TO REALIZING THE VISION. LET ME SHARE SOME OF THE ZERO  
20 HOUR CAMPAIGN SIX-MONTH MILESTONE. FROM DECEMBER 2003 TO  
21 JANUARY 2004, OVER 2.9 MOVIEGOERS AT OVER 500 MOVIE THEATERS  
22 IN L.A. COUNTY WERE SHOWN ZERO HOUR, WHICH IS A STOP  
23 DISCRIMINATION MOVIE TRAILER/SLIDE SHOW THAT PROMOTES YOUTH-  
24 ORIENTED CAMPAIGN WEBSITE WHICH IS CALLED ZEROHOUR.COM. ITS  
25 COUNTY ENTITIES INCLUDING THE L.A. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THE



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1 L.A. COUNTY LIBRARIES, OUR PARKS AND REC, OUR INTERAGENCY GANG  
2 TASK FORCE AND THE L.A. COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION HAVE ALL  
3 COMMITTED TO PERMITTING ZEROHOUR.COM. A MUSICAL CONCERT  
4 FEATURING CURRENT STARS WILL CELEBRATE THIS CAMPAIGN TOMORROW  
5 AT THE AVALON THEATRE FOR HUNDREDS OF YOUTH WHO HAVE PLEDGED  
6 TO WORK ON HUMAN RELATIONS PROGRAMS IN THEIR SCHOOL CAMPUSES  
7 NEXT YEAR. AND SO, TO RECOGNIZE THESE EFFORTS, WE'VE  
8 DESIGNATED JUNE 16TH AS ZERO HOUR DAY IN L.A. AND ARE  
9 DIRECTING ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY  
10 TO SUPPORT THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. AND I WANT TO PAY  
11 TRIBUTE TO THEM. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE FOCUSED ON MANY OF  
12 THESE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BUT I'M  
13 SO GLAD THAT OUR COUNTY, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, WITH ITS  
14 PARTNERS, ARE DOING THE WORK AND ARE GETTING THE SUPPORT FROM  
15 ALL OF US BECAUSE IT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT WORK. SO  
16 I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THESE PARTNERS AND PRESENT THEM  
17 WITH A PROCLAMATION OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THEIR GOALS AND,  
18 MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE KIND OF MISSION THAT THEY ARE CARRYING  
19 OUT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH YOU IN  
20 ACCOMPLISHING ALL OF THE GOALS THAT YOU HAVE SET OUT.  
21 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME ASK REVEREND BORDERHOUSE TO COME AND SPEAK  
2    TO US ON THIS ISSUE.

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4    **REVEREND BORDERHOUSE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. TO THE  
5    SUPERVISORS, PRESIDENT KNABE, MY APPOINTEE, SUPERVISOR ZEV  
6    YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR BURKE, MY LONG-TIME FRIEND, SUPERVISOR  
7    ANTONOVICH, ZEROHOUR.COM, THOUGH IT ORIGINATED WITHIN THE  
8    HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AND HAS BEEN MOVED FORWARD BY THE  
9    LEADERSHIP OF OUR COMMISSIONER MARIO ZAVELLOS WOULD NOT BE  
10   WHAT IT IS TODAY IF NOT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF  
11   SUPERVISORS. THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO MAKE L.A.  
12   COUNTY NOT ONLY WHAT IT IS TODAY, ONE OF THE BEST COUNTIES IN  
13   THE UNITED STATES AND PROBABLY IN THE WORLD, BUT THEY'VE  
14   COMMITTED TO MAKE THIS THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD AS A  
15   CONTINUING EFFORT. AND, TO DO THAT, WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO  
16   TARGET OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEY GAVE US THE ABILITY TO WORK  
17   WITH A GROUP THAT MANY OF US KNOW, ROCK THE VOTE. AND, FOR A  
18   MOMENT, I'M GOING TO ASK R.V. CATCHETERIA, I MESSED YOUR NAME  
19   UP, WHO IS GOING TO COME UP AND TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT  
20   THE PROGRAM.

21

22   **R.V. CATCHETERIA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
23   SUPERVISORS, TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON QUALITY AND  
24   PRODUCTIVITY, FOR FUNDING THIS CAMPAIGN AND, OF COURSE, OUR  
25   GREAT PARTNERS, THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS.



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1 IT HAS BEEN A REALLY FUN EXPERIENCE DOING THIS CAMPAIGN  
2 BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN FOR US TO REACH OUT TO THE  
3 SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COMMUNITIES AND TAKE ACTION  
4 AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. WHAT WE DO AT ROCK THE VOTE, WE  
5 EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES THROUGH CIVIC  
6 ACTIVITY AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO DO IT IS IN OUR HOME COUNTY OF  
7 LOS ANGELES WHERE WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR AROUND 15  
8 YEARS AND THIS IS REALLY AN HONOR TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU AND  
9 I THANK THE COMMISSION AND I THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
10 PROVIDING THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND, TOMORROW, ROCK THE VOTE IS  
11 LAUNCHING ITS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION BUS TOUR AND IT'S  
12 REALLY FITTING TO HAVE JUNE 16TH, THE DAY WE'RE DOING THIS  
13 REALLY BIG OUTREACH TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION TO  
14 REGISTER AND VOTE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS, TO BE  
15 NAMED ZERO HOUR DAY BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO FEATURE THIS  
16 CAMPAIGN VERY PROMINENTLY IN OUR EFFORTS TOMORROW AND  
17 THROUGHOUT THE BUS TOUR AS WE GO TO AROUND A HUNDRED DIFFERENT  
18 COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, REACHING OUT TO THEM,  
19 ESPECIALLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND YOUNG WOMEN AND TELLING  
20 THEM THAT ONE OF THE WAYS THAT THEY CAN EMPOWER THEMSELVES AND  
21 MAKE CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES AND ALL OF OUR LIVES IS TO GET OUT  
22 THERE AND VOTE AND MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VOICE IS HEARD AND  
23 MAKE SURE THAT DISCRIMINATION DOES NOT HAPPEN AND DOES NOT  
24 CONTINUE. THIS IS THE MOST ETHNICALLY DIVERSE COUNTY IN THE  
25 NATION AND WE'RE PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT AND WE'RE REALLY



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1 PROUD TO HAVE THIS AS PART OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WE'RE  
2 GOING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT WORK. THANK  
3 YOU, EVERYONE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **REVEREND BORDERHOUSE:** AND FROM THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
6 COMMISSION, WE HAVE JACKIE TILLY HILL, WHO IS GOING TO MAKE A  
7 BRIEF STATEMENT.

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9 **JACKIE TILLY HILL:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I  
10 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR FORESIGHT IN  
11 INVESTING IN THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT FUND,  
12 WHICH HAS ENABLED US TO PURSUE CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE PROJECTS  
13 THAT ARE, ON A DAILY BASIS, CHANGING THE LIVES OF THE  
14 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS PARTICULAR  
15 PROGRAM IS VERY MEANINGFUL TO THE ENTIRE COMMISSION. IT  
16 SUPPORTS OUR MISSION STATEMENT. IT SUPPORTS WHAT WE'RE HERE  
17 FOR. IT SUPPORTS STANDING UP AND DOING THE RIGHT THING,  
18 SUPPORTING DIVERSITY WHICH IS, WE FEEL, THE COUNTY'S GREATEST  
19 STRENGTH. THE COMMISSION HAS INVESTED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF  
20 MONEY IN THIS PROJECT. WE GAVE THIS PROJECT AS A LEAP IN GOOD  
21 FAITH AS SEED MONEY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ANY  
22 POTENTIAL FUNDERS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE INCREDIBLE  
23 PROJECTS. THESE PEOPLE ARE TARGETING YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S YOUNG  
24 PEOPLE THAT'S OUR FUTURE AND WE HAVE TREMENDOUS CONFIDENCE AND





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1 SUPPORT ALL OF THE GOOD WORKS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS

2 COMMISSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **REVEREND BORDERHOUSE:** THANK YOU, JACKIE. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE

5 SURE I ACKNOWLEDGE COMMISSIONER CANELLA WHO IS WITH US TODAY.

6 HE IS A LONG-TIME COMMISSIONER ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS

7 COMMISSION AND A NUMBER OF OTHER COMMISSIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY

8 OF LOS ANGELES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE OTHER

9 COMMISSIONERS WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY AND OUR COMMISSION

10 STAFF THAT ARE HERE THAT HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THAT

11 THIS PROJECT GOT OFF THE GROUND, GOT MOVING AND WILL BE WHAT

12 IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AND THAT IS THE TOOL TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN

13 THAT WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER AND TO SAY "NO" TO HATE, TO SAY "NO"

14 TO DISCRIMINATION AND HOMOPHOBIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOARD

15 OF SUPERVISORS.

16

17 **R.V. CATCHETERIA:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN

18 HERE WITH BIGGER NUMBERS BUT WE'RE ALL BUSY WORKING FOR

19 TOMORROW'S EVENT, WHICH IS GOING TO BE A GREAT ONE. OUR

20 PRESIDENT, JAMU GREEN, HAD TO TRAVEL TODAY ON BUSINESS AND

21 COULDN'T BE HERE BUT I'M JOINED WITH MY VERY GOOD COLLEAGUE,

22 TIFFANY ALEXANDER ALDRIDGE. SHE AND I CAME DOWN FROM OUR

23 OFFICES AND FROM THE 28 PEOPLE WHO WORK REALLY HARD EVERY DAY

24 AND AROUND THE 50,000 COMMUNITY STREET TEAM MEMBERS WE HAVE

25 AROUND THE COUNTRY, WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU ON BEHALF OF



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1 ROCK THE VOTE AND HOPE THIS CAMPAIGN IS GOING TO BE A BIG ONE  
2 AND A GREAT ONE AND LOOK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS. THANKS A  
3 LOT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR  
8 ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, AS WE ALL KNOW, JUNE 14TH IS NATIONAL  
11 FLAG WEEK IN THE UNITED STATES AND THIS GOES ALL THE WAY BACK  
12 ON JUNE 14TH IN 1777 WHEN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ADOPTED OUR  
13 FLAG. A NATIONAL FLAG WEEK WAS CREATED BY THE 89TH CONGRESS  
14 BACK IN JUNE 9TH IN 1966, WHERE CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE  
15 PRESIDENT TO DECLARE THE WEEK IN WHICH FLAG DAY, JUNE 14TH,  
16 OCCURS AS NATIONAL FLAG WEEK AND THE 21-DAY PERIOD ENDING ON  
17 JULY 4TH AS THE SPECIAL TIME DURING WHICH THE FLAG SHOULD BE  
18 DISPLAYED. VITO CANNELLA, WHO HAS BEEN QUITE ACTIVE, AS WAS  
19 JUST MENTIONED ON THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION, SERVING OUR COUNTY  
20 OF LOS ANGELES IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, HAS BEEN  
21 QUITE INVOLVED FOR MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS ON THE ISSUE OF  
22 HAVING THE FLAG WEEK BEING DECLARED THROUGHOUT THE LAND AND WE  
23 APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP ON THAT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
24 THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FLAG  
25 WEEK FOR THIS YEAR OF 2004. [ APPLAUSE ]



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1  
2 **VITO CANNELLA:** GOOD MORNING. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS PROCLAMATION AND, IN BRIEF, GIVE  
4 YOU A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT FLAG WEEK. EVERYBODY FAMILIAR WITH  
5 FLAG DAY, JUNE THE 14. NOT TOO MANY REALIZED THAT THE WEEK OF  
6 JUNE THE 14 IS ALSO FLAG WEEK. THE ORIGINAL FLAG WEEK IS A  
7 BEAUTIFUL MONTROSE LOCAL STORY UP IN THE MOUNTAIN. THE WHOLE  
8 THING STARTED IN MONTROSE DURING THE '60S. THE '60S WAS A TIME  
9 WHEN PEOPLE WERE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND  
10 THOUGH THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE, THEY DO NOT HAVE  
11 THE RIGHT TO BURN THE FLAG, A SYMBOL OF OUR NATION. THE  
12 BURNING OF THE FLAG UPSET MANY PEOPLE AND FEW OF US DECIDED TO  
13 DO SOMETHING TO HONOR THE FLAG INSTEAD. THE ORIGINATOR OF THE  
14 IDEA FOR FLAG WEEK WAS THE LATE BILL BAILEY OF MONTROSE, A  
15 BUSINESSMAN. AND WITH THE HELP OF THE CRESCENTA CANYADA ROTARY  
16 CLUB AND OTHERS, WE COLLECTED THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF  
17 SIGNATURES IN A PETITION TO ELECT CONGRESSMAN H. MEAD. HE  
18 INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT WAS APPROVED BY BOTH THE HOUSE  
19 AND SENATE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND ON, JUNE 9, 1966, IT WAS  
20 SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. THE JOINT  
21 RESOLUTION SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS  
22 AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED, UNDERLINE THAT, EVERY YEAR TO ISSUE  
23 A PROCLAMATION AND ALSO TO CALL UPON ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE  
24 UNITED STATES TO DISPLAY THE FLAG DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE THE  
25 14. EVERY YEAR SINCE 1967, I HAVE BEEN SENDING A LETTER TO ALL



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1 THE PRESIDENT AND, EVERY YEAR, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I NEVER SEE  
2 ANY PUBLICITY. LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, I FOUND OUT FOR THE FIRST  
3 TIME THAT THE EVENT OF FLAG WEEK WAS POSTED ON THE WHITE HOUSE  
4 WEBSITE. MAYBE IN THE FUTURE THEY WILL INCLUDE THE FLAG WEEK  
5 IN OUR NATIONAL CALENDAR TO REMIND EVERYONE IN OUR NATION TO  
6 PUT THE FLAG UP DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE THE 14. SO, PLEASE,  
7 JOIN ME AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS IN DISPLAYING OUR FLAG DURING FLAG WEEK THIS WEEK.  
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A BIRTHDAY OF  
12 100 YEARS AND WE HAVE EILEEN BURTON, WILL FULMER AND LOUISE OR  
13 LOIS FULMER FROM THE AUDUBON SOCIETY AND WE WELCOME RON CYGER,  
14 WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY AS THEY  
15 CELEBRATE THEIR 100TH. NOW, THIS WAS FOUNDED BACK IN MARCH  
16 25TH, 1904, IN RESPONSE TO THE KILLING OF NATIVE BIRDS. THE  
17 PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY CONDUCTS FIELD TRIPS TO LOCATIONS  
18 THROUGHOUT THE PASADENA AREA AND WITHIN THE WESTERN UNITED  
19 STATES FOR CITIZENS SCIENCE PROJECTS, BIRD BANNING, AND  
20 IDENTIFICATION OF BIRDS. THE SOCIETY HOLDS REGULAR MEETINGS  
21 THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC COVERING TOPICS FROM OUTDOOR  
22 VENTURE TO HABITAT AWARENESS. THE PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY  
23 SUPPORTS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
24 HOLDING CLASSES FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES DEALING WITH BIRDS  
25 AND IDENTIFICATIONS AND BIRD HABITATS. SO, AT THIS TIME, ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND  
2 PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY. [  
3 APPLAUSE ]

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5 **RON CYGER:** ON BEHALF OF PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY, I WOULD LIKE  
6 TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND ALL THE OTHER SUPERVISORS  
7 OF L.A. COUNTY FOR PRESENTING THIS SCROLL TO US AND WE WOULD  
8 ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE PASADENA AUDUBON LAPEL PIN.  
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I SHOULD SAY ALSO IN THE LA CRESCENTA AREA,  
12 EACH YEAR, THE TOWN COUNCIL AND OUR OFFICE, WE PLANT A TREE AT  
13 OUR PARK FOR AUDUBON WEEK. SO, ANYWAY, SO THAT THE BIRDS WILL  
14 HAVE A PLACE. RIGHT? [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME YOUNG  
17 PEOPLE, AND THIS IS A PROGRAM I INITIATED A FEW YEARS AGO, AND  
18 THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE A LITTLE BIT MORE. THEY'VE  
19 COME UP, THEY'VE IMPROVED THEIR ACADEMICS, AND THIS IS A  
20 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE DO AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES. WITH  
22 US TODAY USUALLY IS SYLVIA FOGELMAN BUT SHE'S NOT HERE AND SO  
23 MICHAEL RICE WILL BE HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S  
24 SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. AND WHAT WE DO, WE RECOGNIZE EACH OF  
25 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A PROCLAMATION AND A 50 DOLLAR BOND





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1 FROM BARNES AND NOBLE SO THEY CAN BUY ADDITIONAL BOOKS FOR  
2 THEIR STUDIES. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ENCOURAGE THEM  
3 TO CONTINUE THEIR ACADEMICS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE THEY  
4 ARE THE FUTURE LEADERS WHO WILL BE OCCUPYING THE PLACES EITHER  
5 ON THIS SIDE OF THE DAIS OR WHERE YOU ARE IN A FEW SHORT  
6 YEARS. ALSO JOINING ME WILL BE OUR GREAT DIRECTOR OF  
7 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, DR. DAVID SANDERS,  
8 FOR THIS PRESENTATION. SO, TO BEGIN WITH, FOR THE MOST  
9 IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IS MITSU KLEINS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR MOST IMPROVEMENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IS  
12 JONATHAN MICHAEL SMITH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IS TONY  
15 BREWSTER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, TIFFANY TATTEM. [   
18 APPLAUSE ]

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, CHRISTINA SIEZ. [   
21 APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, PATRICIA MERCIA. [   
24 APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IS KHALID JOHNSON.

2    [ APPLAUSE ]

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW LET ME ASK DR. SANDERS, DO YOU WANT TO  
5    SAY A FEW WORDS?

6

7    **DAVID SANDERS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR  
8    SPONSORING THIS EVENT FOR SO MANY YEARS AND THE RECOGNITION OF  
9    THE YOUTH HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL AND THANKS TO THE  
10    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE TIME ON TODAY'S AGENDA. AND  
11    SYLVIA FOGELMAN, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE Y.O.U. BOARD AND WOULD  
12    NORMALLY BE HERE, WAS UNABLE TO MAKE IT, BUT I ALSO WANT TO  
13    THANK AND CONGRATULATE MICHAEL RICE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE  
14    DEPARTMENT IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS HAPPENED. AND THEN, MOST  
15    IMPORTANTLY, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE SUCCESSFUL  
16    ACADEMIC WORK AND FOR THE GREAT JOB YOU'VE BEEN DOING. THANKS.  
17    [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE FOR ADOPTION LITTLE GINGER, WHO  
20    IS A EIGHT-WEEK OLD WHITE DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR FEMALE KITTEN.  
21    SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE  
22    GINGER, YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER (562) 728-4644 OR  
23    ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE. AND GINGER WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME. SAY  
24    SOMETHING? VERY SHY.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

2

3    **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL J. JEFFREY  
4    CALENDAR FORWARD AT THIS TIME. AND AFTER JEFFREY-- JEFF  
5    CALENDAR IS ISSUES MANAGER ADMINISTRATOR AT CONOCO-PHILLIPS  
6    WITH 24 YEARS AS A PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL. HE HAS SERVED  
7    ON THE BOARDS OF NUMEROUS COMMUNITY AND NONPROFIT  
8    ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, INCLUDING HIS SERVICE AS  
9    PRESIDENT OF THE CARSON DOMINGUEZ BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE  
10    LAST THREE YEARS. HE IS ALSO RECENTLY COMPLETED A THREE-YEAR  
11    TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AQUATIC  
12    FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN L.A., THE A.F.M.L.A., WHICH HELPS  
13    TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR PARKS AND HAS MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE.  
14    IN THIS CAPACITY, HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING  
15    A.F.M.L.A. MEET ITS MISSION OF TEACHING LOW INCOME AND INNER  
16    CITY CHILDREN TO SWIM AND TRAIN FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
17    COMPETITIVE SWIMMING EVENTS THROUGH PROGRAMS AT VICTORIA PARK  
18    SWIMMING POOL AND TED WATKINS PARK SCHOOL. THE BARRACUDA SWIM  
19    CLUB HAS WON NUMEROUS REWARDS IN COMPETITION AND HAS ENTRY  
20    LEVEL PROGRAMS TO TEACH CHILDREN HOW TO SWIM. AND THESE YOUNG  
21    PEOPLE COME IN, NOT ONLY DO THEY LEARN HOW TO SWIM, THEY LEARN  
22    HOW TO SWIM COMPETITIVELY. AND THE A.F.M.L.A. ALSO SERVES  
23    SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGH ITS SENIOR WATER EXERCISE PROGRAM AT  
24    VICTORIA PARK. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I RECOGNIZE JEFF  
25    CALENDAR TODAY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN



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1 THE SECOND DISTRICT AND FOR HIS NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
2 AQUATIC FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES. AND,  
3 INCIDENTALLY, LAST WEEK, WE HAD A VERY IMPRESSIVE LUNCHEON  
4 WHERE WE HAD DISTINGUISHED OLYMPIANS WHO JOINED US AND REAL  
5 SUPPORT FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHO SAY THAT WE HAVE TO  
6 PROTECT OUR POOLS, AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN HAVE  
7 AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO SWIM. JEFF, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8 [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **JEFF CALENDAR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. REALLY, THIS  
11 RECOGNITION IS SHARED WITH MY COMPANY, CONOCO- PHILLIPS WHICH  
12 HAS PROVIDED THE SUPPORT AND THE COMMITMENT TO ALLOW ME TO BE  
13 SO INVOLVED IN MANY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. AND I ALSO WANT TO  
14 THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CHAMPIONING  
15 IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND CAUSES SUCH AS  
16 SUPERVISOR BURKE'S AQUATICS FOUNDATION AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
17 GANG ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM. OUR COMPANY'S BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE  
18 OF EFFORTS LIKE THAT AND I'M VERY PROUD OF OUR AMBASSADOR'S  
19 PROGRAM, WHICH HAS EMPLOYEES FROM CONOCO-PHILLIPS SERVING ON  
20 THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF 25 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN  
21 COMMUNITIES SUCH AS CARSON, LONG BEACH, WILMINGTON, SAN PEDRO,  
22 HARBOR CITY, HARBOR GATEWAY, AND I, AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THIS  
23 HONOR, BUT IT-- BUT IT REALLY IS SHARED WITH MY COMPANY,  
24 CONOCO-PHILLIPS, AND I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS RECOGNITION.  
25 IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL AND IT'S VERY REWARDING TO WORK WITH SO



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1 MANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE AQUATICS FOUNDATION  
2 AND GANG ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD,  
5 OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE A STRING SUPPORTER OF THE G.A.P. PROGRAM. IT  
6 COULDN'T BE DONE WITHOUT YOU AND YOUR COMPANY, SO WE WANT TO  
7 SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU. I MEAN, TO HEAR ALL THOSE  
8 SCREAMING KIDS GO "NEVER HAVE, NEVER WILL" IS A GREAT THRILL  
9 SO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

10

11 **JEFF CALENDAR:** I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS' STAFF  
12 BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE DELL HUFF AND MIKE JIN ARE IMPORTANT AND  
13 THEIR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF A LOT OF THESE  
14 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOUR FAMILY?

17

18 **JEFF CALENDAR:** SURE. YES, I'VE GOT MY WIFE, CHRISTIE, HERE,  
19 OUR FOSTER SON, MICHAEL, WHO WE HOPE TO ADOPT LATER THIS YEAR,  
20 OUR DAUGHTER, SANTA, AND OUR DAUGHTER, OLGA, IS ON A TRIP TO  
21 THE NATION'S CAPITAL SO SHE COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY. [ APPLAUSE  
22 ]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GREAT SMILES! ALL RIGHT! OBVIOUSLY, ALL OUR  
25 ITEMS HAVE BEEN HELD. I'M GOING TO CALL UP THE PUBLIC HEARING



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1 ITEM, ITEM 101, SO THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT PRIOR TO HAVING  
2 TO GO THROUGH THE OTHER PROCESS HERE. WE'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC  
3 HEARING. TWO PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. DO YOU WANT A  
4 STAFF PRESENTATION FIRST? MIKE? ITEM 101. I'M GOING TO OPEN  
5 THE HEARING HERE.

6

7 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CAN I PUT IT INTO THE RECORD, PLEASE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** IT'S A COMBINED HEARING ON GENERAL PLAN  
12 AMENDMENT ZONE CHANGE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OAK TREE  
13 PERMIT, CASE NUMBER 00-188-5, AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP  
14 CASE NUMBER 53235-5 AND, ON THE CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
16 11400 POEMA PLACE, CHATSWORTH ZONED DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY  
17 SODER MANNERING PARTNERS, TOPANGA.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ASK THE STAFF TO GIVE A PRESENTATION.  
20 ALSO ASK CHARLOTTE BROADY AND JAY PLUM TO COME FORWARD,  
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ELLEN FITZGERALD,  
24 SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
25 PLANNING. PROJECT 00188 INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL





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1 PLAN, A ZONE CHANGE, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AN OAK TREE  
2 PERMIT. AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 53235 REQUESTS US TO  
3 AUTHORIZE A 65-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ON A 13.28 ACRE  
4 PROPERTY LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE SIMI VALLEY FREEWAY AT THE  
5 INTERSECTION OF TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD. THE SITE ADDRESS IS  
6 11400 POEMA PLACE. THE PROPOSED RESIDENCES WILL BE CLUSTERED  
7 AT THE FRONT OF THE SITE ON APPROXIMATELY SIX AND A HALF  
8 ACRES, LEAVING 6.6 ACRES AS OPEN SPACE. THE RESIDENCES ARE A  
9 TOWNHOUSE DESIGN CONSISTING OF 11 BUILDINGS WITH FIVE TO EIGHT  
10 BUILDINGS PER UNIT-- FIVE TO EIGHT UNITS PER BUILDING. THE  
11 PROJECT DESIGN WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF ONE HERITAGE SIZE  
12 OAK TREE. THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN  
13 GRADED IN ANTICIPATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF A CHURCH, WHICH WAS  
14 NEVER COMPLETED, AND THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE  
15 LOCATED PRIMARILY IN THIS ALREADY DISTURBED AREA. THE OPEN  
16 SPACE AREA IS LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY AND WILL BE  
17 CROSSED BY A TRAIL TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE APPLICANT FOR  
18 DEDICATION TO THE COUNTY. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
19 CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROJECT ON FOUR DATES.  
20 ISSUES RAISED IN TESTIMONY AT THE PUBLIC HEARING INCLUDED  
21 CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED DENSITY, LOSS OF NATURAL OPEN  
22 SPACE, THE PROJECT'S POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON STREETS, SCHOOLS,  
23 AND OTHER SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY THOSE WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS  
24 ANGELES, THE NEED FOR A CONNECTING TRAIL SYSTEM AND THE GOAL  
25 OF PRESERVING THE RURAL LIFESTYLE OF CHATSWORTH. THE



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1 COMMISSION CONTINUED THE PUBLIC HEARING AFTER TESTIMONY TO  
2 ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO REDESIGN THE INITIALLY PROPOSED 159  
3 UNIT PROJECT TO A DENSITY MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE SURROUNDING  
4 COMMUNITY AND TO COORDINATE THE TRAIL LOCATION WITH THE  
5 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED ON THE ADJACENT PROPERTY. THE COMMISSION  
6 VOTED TO INITIATE THE PLAN AMENDMENT AFTER STAFF EXPLAINED  
7 THAT THE 65-UNIT PROPOSAL WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE LOW DENSITY  
8 RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY, WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED FOR THIS SITE  
9 AS PART OF THE PENDING GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS. THE  
10 COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE PROJECT DENSITY IS CONSISTENT WITH  
11 OTHER SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND THE LOCATION ADJACENT TO THE  
12 SIMI VALLEY FREEWAY AT THE NORTHERLY EDGE OF THE URBANIZED SAN  
13 FERNANDO VALLEY JUSTIFIED THE AMENDMENT FROM THE NON-URBAN  
14 DESIGNATION. THE COMMISSION ALSO RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM  
15 STAFF, INCLUDING THE COUNTY'S TRAIL COORDINATOR, THAT THE  
16 PROPOSED TRAIL WOULD CONNECT WITH THE TRAILS WITHIN THE  
17 ADJACENT DEER LAKE RANCH PROJECT. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
18 REPORT PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT ANALYZED THE PROJECT'S  
19 POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND IT CONCLUDED THAT ALL IMPACTS COULD BE  
20 MITIGATED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVELS. THE PROJECT  
21 APPLICANT IS CONDITIONED TO COMPLY WITH THE MITIGATION  
22 MONITORING PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL  
23 NECESSARY MITIGATION MEASURES. THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
24 COMMISSION WAS SATISFIED THAT THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS WERE



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1   ADDRESSED AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE  
2   PROJECT ON MARCH 10TH, 2004. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL GOING TO ASK...

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, I KNOW WE HAVE-- YOU NEED TO SWEAR IN  
7   SOME SPEAKERS AND WE HAVE THE TWO SPEAKERS HERE. WE ALSO, JUDY  
8   GARRIS AND MARK WATERS AND ELIZABETH SELLERS, IF YOU'D STAND  
9   AND BE SWORN IN, TOO, PLEASE. MERRITT HOLLOWAY.

10

11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS  
12   BOARD WITH REGARDS TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, DO YOU  
13   SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH,  
14   AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. PLEASE  
15   BE SEATED.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND I WOULD ASK JUDY GARRIS, IF THAT'S  
18   CORRECT, IF I SAID THAT CORRECTLY, WOULD YOU COME FORWARD AS  
19   WELL, TOO. WE HAVE ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL SPEAKER. AND EACH  
20   SPEAKER WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. THERE'S A TIMER HERE.  
21   THEN... OKAY. GO AHEAD.

22

23   **JEAN PLUMB:** THANK YOU, SIR. JEAN PLUMB, 10755 DESOTO AVENUE,  
24   CHATSWORTH. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THIS  
25   COMMISSION...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. JUST ONE SECOND. I DON'T WANT TO  
3 TAKE HER-- STOP HER TIME, WOULD YOU? COULD WE HAVE SOME QUIET  
4 OVER ON THE SIDES, PLEASE, SO WE CAN HEAR THE TESTIMONY? THANK  
5 YOU.

6

7 **JEAN PLUMB:** MY CONCERN ON THIS PROJECT IS THE SAME THAT I  
8 ADDRESSED ON THE ONE PREVIOUSLY ON PRESIDIO AND THAT IS THE  
9 IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY'S EQUESTRIAN AND RECREATIONAL  
10 TRAIL SYSTEM HAVING A POINT OF BEGINNING IN THE CHATSWORTH  
11 AREA AND PROCEEDING THROUGH THE CANYONS BEYOND THIS PROJECT.  
12 I'M ENCOURAGED THAT THE SUPERVISOR'S STAFF WILL ALLOW THE  
13 COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON THE CONDITION THAT  
14 THERE BE CONNECTING TRAIL SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED ON THE GRADING  
15 MAP, THE TOPOGRAPHY MAP, THE FINAL TRACT MAP AND IN THE FIELD  
16 AS THE TERRAIN IS CHALLENGING. I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT THE  
17 TRAILS WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY IF THEY ARE BUILT PROPERLY AND  
18 MAINTAINED, REPEAT, MAINTAINED, BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
19 RECREATION AND PARKS. I HOPE THAT SOME FUNDING WILL BE  
20 ADDRESSED TO THAT ITEM AS MAINTENANCE IS ALWAYS UPPERMOST IN  
21 AN EQUESTRIAN AND HIKER'S MIND. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
22 COMPLETION OF THE TRAIL SYSTEM AS THE CANYONS BEYOND ARE IN  
23 THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AT THIS TIME AS PART OF THE MICHAEL  
24 ANTONOVICH REGIONAL PARK SYSTEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR, AND  
25 WE HOPE TO ENJOY THEM FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. NEXT.

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4 **JUDY GARRIS:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS JUDY GARRIS AND I'M A HIKER,  
5 LIVING NOT IN THE CHATSWORTH AREA BUT IN THE WEST VALLEY. MANY  
6 HIKERS DO USE THESE TRAILS. IN FACT, EVEN SCHOOL CHILDREN COME  
7 AND IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PLACE AND-- WITH CANYON WALLS THAT  
8 PEOPLE CAN HIKE ALL YEAR ROUND BECAUSE IT HAS A STREAM THAT'S  
9 ALL YEAR AND IT HAS SHADE SO THAT IT'S VERY COOL TO HIKE IN  
10 THE SUMMER. SO MY CONCERN IS THAT THE TRAILS, AS THE PREVIOUS  
11 SPEAKER SAID, BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE  
12 THROUGH THIS PROPERTY. AND ALSO THAT THE DEVELOPER DOES  
13 PROVIDE SOME SHADE THAT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TRAIL  
14 DOWN IN THE CANYON ITSELF, WHICH IS A VERY SHADY TRAIL. SO I  
15 WOULD ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPER TO PLANT SHADE TREES ALONG THIS  
16 TRAIL AND I'M NOT QUITE SURE IF THIS IS THE TIME TO ADDRESS  
17 THIS OTHER ISSUE OF PARKING. THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE PARKING  
18 ALONG THE STREETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THESE TRAILS. THANK  
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT AND THEN I'D ASK-- LET'S  
22 SEE-- JUDY, WHICH ONE IS JUDY GARRIS? OKAY. THEN I'D ASK MARK  
23 WATTERS AND ELIZABETH SELLERS TO JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE.

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1   **CHARLOTTE BRODIE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM CHARLOTTE  
2   BRODIE, I'M REPRESENTING EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INCORPORATED,  
3   CORRAL 54 IN CHATSWORTH. I'M HERE ONCE AGAIN TO PROMOTE TRAIL  
4   ACCESS AND SAFETY. THE EXISTING TRAIL ROUTE CONNECTING DEVIL  
5   CANYON TO CHATSWORTH PARK NORTH GOES ACROSS THIS PROPOSED  
6   DEVELOPMENT AND THE ADJOINING DEER LAKE RANCH PROPERTY TO  
7   TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD AND UNDER THE 118 FREEWAY. OUR  
8   CONCERN IS THAT THIS SMALLER PROJECT, WHICH WE WOULD PREFER TO  
9   SEE FURTHER REDUCED, WOULD BEGIN DEVELOPMENT FIRST AND LEAVE  
10   THE TRAIL FROM DEVIL CANYON DEAD END INTO THE HILL BELONGING  
11   TO DEER LAKE RANCH. IF THIS WOULD BE THE CASE, CAN ACCESS BE  
12   ALLOWED THROUGH THIS DEVELOPMENT UNTIL THE TRAIL IS COMPLETED?  
13   ALSO, CAN A TEMPORARY TRAIL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING CONSTRUCTION  
14   TO ALLOW CONTINUED TRAIL ACCESS? WE ARE DISHEARTENED TO HEAR  
15   THAT THE ONE AND ONLY MAJESTIC LIVE OAK ON THIS PROPERTY COULD  
16   BE REMOVED. WE WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION THAT PLANTING  
17   REPLACEMENT TREES BE REQUIRED RATHER THAN PAYMENT IN LIEU AND  
18   THAT LOCATIONS BE SELECTED WHERE THERE IS NO FUTURE LIKELIHOOD  
19   OF REMOVAL, ALONG WITH A MONITORING PROGRAM DEVELOPED TO  
20   ASSURE PROPER WATERING AND REPLACEMENT OF UNHEALTHY TREES FOR  
21   A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THESE  
22   MATTERS.

23

24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ELIZABETH?

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1   **ELIZABETH SELLERS:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH SELLERS. I LIVE AT  
2   11454 NORTH POEMA. I AM THE UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF  
3   SUMMERSET VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS, WHICH ARE JUST NORTH OF THIS  
4   PROPOSED PROJECT. MY AND THE-- THE ISSUE IN FRONT OF US HERE  
5   IS THE CONGESTION, TRAFFIC CONGESTION. AT THIS POINT, MR.  
6   ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH THE TRAFFIC AS IT IS  
7   NOW WITH 400 UNITS IN SUMMERSET AND THE PEOPLE ABOVE US AT  
8   INDIAN HILLS AND INDIAN FALLS. THERE IS VERY LITTLE  
9   OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAFFIC TO GATHER AND PULL ONTO TOPANGA AT THE  
10  BOTTOM OF THE HILL. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRAFFIC  
11  CONGESTION DURING CONSTRUCTION AND ALSO AFTERWARDS WITH THE  
12  INCREASED TRAFFIC AT THAT POINT. ONE OTHER THING I'D LIKE TO  
13  MENTION, LAST SUMMER WHEN WE HAD WILDFIRES IN THE AREA, IT WAS  
14  VERY DIFFICULT TO EVACUATE THIS PART OF CHATSWORTH DUE TO THE  
15  LIMITED ACCESS AND THE LIMITED ROADS AVAILABLE FOR THE NUMBER  
16  OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE UP THERE. SO I'M HOPING THAT THE  
17  SUPERVISORS WOULD TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WELL. THANK  
18  YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARK?

21

22   **MARK WATTERS:** MY NAME IS MARK WATTERS, I LIVE AT 21322 SEQUOIA  
23   DRIVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF TWIN LAKES. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF  
24   THE TWIN LAKES PROPERTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND WE ARE  
25   CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING



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1 REASONS. THE PROPOSED ZONING IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH WHAT  
2 CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THE AREA. BY FAR, THE PREDOMINANT TYPE OF  
3 HOUSING IS SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND EVEN ZONING FOR THE  
4 EXISTING CONDOMINIUM PROJECT, WHICH IS MADE UP OF RENTAL  
5 UNITS, LIMITS THE DENSITY TO A MUCH GREATER DEGREE THAN WHAT  
6 IS PROPOSED FOR THIS PROJECT. THE INTERSECTION OF TOPANGA  
7 CANYON, MYAN AND POEMA WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS  
8 PROJECT. NOW, THIS INTERSECTION IS ALREADY RATED AN "F" AND WE  
9 KNOW IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE THAN AN "F," WHICH I WONDER,  
10 PERHAPS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC SHOULD BE PUT IN CHARGE OF  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET BECAUSE THEN, NO MATTER HOW MUCH  
12 MONEY YOU HAVE, IT'S ENOUGH. IT JUST MAGICALLY BECOMES ENOUGH.  
13 THIS INTERSECTION IS ALREADY A DISASTER. IF YOU CAN IMAGINE A  
14 "T" INTERSECTION WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY BEING TWIN LAKES,  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA BEING THE EXISTING RESIDENTS OF INDIAN  
16 FALLS, INDIAN SPRINGS AND SUMMERSET AND THIS INTERSECTION  
17 COMING TOGETHER AT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DESK. NOW, WE'VE ALREADY  
18 GOT AN "F" WITH JUST THAT BECAUSE OF THE 118 EXITS THAT EXIT  
19 AND ENTER AT THIS SAME PLACE. WE'VE ALREADY ADDED, I SAY "WE",  
20 THE PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED FOR DEER LAKE RANCH,  
21 WHICH ADDS ANOTHER 375 HOMES AND AN ADDITIONAL 3,000 TRIPS PER  
22 DAY THAT IS ABOUT WHERE SUPERVISOR BURKE'S OFFICE OR SEAT IS.  
23 NOW WE PROPOSE YET ANOTHER. THIS CONDOMINIUM, WHICH IS ABOUT  
24 WHERE YOUR SEAT IS, MIKE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS COULD GET  
25 IMPROVED. WE ADD A COUPLE OF TURN LANES, WE ADD A TRAFFIC



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1 SIGNAL. AN INTERSECTION THAT WAS ALREADY AN "F", WE ADD 375  
2 HOMES TO THAT, IT'S STILL AN "F." NOW WE PROPOSE TO ADD A  
3 CONDOMINIUM SECTION BUT IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE. I URGE YOU TO  
4 TAKE A LOOK AT ALLOWING THIS ZONING CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE  
5 IMPACT THAT IT'S GOING TO MAKE WITH TRAFFIC, WITH FIRE  
6 PROTECTION, AND I ALSO, JUST IN CLOSING, WANT TO SAY THAT  
7 WE'VE CONCLUDED OUR HEARINGS FOR DEER LAKE RANCH, AND I JUST  
8 WANT TO SAY THAT THE-- I WOULD HOLD THAT UP AS A MODEL OF HOW  
9 COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT AND THE DEVELOPERS HAVE WORKED  
10 TOGETHER FOR QUITE A LONG PERIOD OF TIME TO WORK OUT THEIR  
11 PROBLEMS AND COME BEFORE YOU WITH AN AGREEMENT ABOUT HOW TO DO  
12 IT. I THINK DEER LAKE RANCH SHOULD BE HELD UP AS AN EXAMPLE OF  
13 HOW ALL THREE PARTIES CAN WORK TOGETHER. THIS ONE WAS NOT DONE  
14 THIS WAY AND, IN SPITE OF PATTY FRIEDMAN, WHO IS MIKE'S  
15 DEPUTY, HAS WORKED HARD TO KEEP US INFORMED WITH WHAT SHE  
16 COULD, THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, THE WORKING TOGETHER OF THE  
17 DEVELOPER, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY HAS NOT BEEN DONE  
18 THIS WAY AND I WOULD JUST URGE THAT, IN THE FUTURE, WE COULD  
19 PERHAPS USE DEER LAKE AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW IT COULD PROPERLY  
20 BE DONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MIKE?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. WHAT  
25 IMPACTS HAVE YOU-- LET'S TAKE THE ROAD ISSUE THAT WAS JUST



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1 MENTIONED. ARE THERE ANY UNMITIGATED IMPACTS PARTICULARLY  
2 RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS?

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4 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, THERE AREN'T, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M  
5 DENNIS HUNTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE TRAFFIC  
6 STUDY FOR THE PROJECT WAS ANALYZED BASED ON 159 RESIDENTIAL  
7 UNITS AND THE MITIGATION MEASURES WERE BASED ON THOSE NUMBER  
8 OF UNITS AND THE PROJECT WAS REDUCED THROUGH THE PROCESS TO, I  
9 BELIEVE IT'S 65-- 65 UNITS, AND SO THE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE  
10 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TURN LANE CAPACITIES AT TOPANGA AND  
11 CANYON BOULEVARD AT MYAN AND POEMA PLACE AND AT THE TOPANGA  
12 CANYON BOULEVARD STATE ROUTE 118 WESTBOUND RAMPS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PROPOSED DENSITY OF THE PROJECT?

15

16 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE DENSITY IS JUST UNDER FIVE UNITS PER  
17 ACRE, WHICH IS IN-- IT'S WITHIN THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL  
18 CATEGORY, WHICH IS ONE TO SIX UNITS PER ACRE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO THE DENSITY OF  
21 SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENTS?

22

23 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** A DENSITY ANALYSIS WAS PREPARED FOR THE DEER  
24 LAKE RANCH PROJECT AND IT COVERED AN EXTENSIVE AREA. THERE WAS  
25 UNITS THAT EXCEED-- ABOUT EIGHT UNITS PER ACRE DOWN TO ONE



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1 UNIT PER ACRE. I THINK, GENERALLY, IT'S ABOUT TWO TO THREE  
2 UNITS PER ACRE FOR THE SURROUNDING AREA.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS IS HOW MANY PER ACRE?

5

6 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** JUST UNDER FIVE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE THERE ANY OTHER MULTIPLE FAMILY  
9 DEVELOPMENTS NEAR THE PROJECT?

10

11 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE SUMMERSET CONDOS WHICH, I THINK, ARE  
12 RENTAL UNITS IS EXACTLY ADJACENT TO THE WEST. IT'S 2.7, 2.9  
13 UNITS PER ACRE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE PROPERTY IS GOING  
16 TO BE PRESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE?

17

18 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** HALF THE PROPERTY IS GOING TO BE A DEDICATED  
19 OPEN SPACE LOT WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE TRAIL AND THE PROJECT  
20 ALSO HAS SOME LANDSCAPE COMMON AREAS, SO IT IS OVER 50%,  
21 CLOSER TO 68%, I BELIEVE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A TRADEOFF IN TERMS OF THE DENSITY  
24 RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT-- OR I SHOULD SAY AN  
25 AMOUNT RELATIVE TO OPEN SPACE?



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2 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED AS A CLUSTER  
3 DEVELOPMENT. STAFF REFERS TO THAT AS A DENSITY CONTROL  
4 DEVELOPMENT, SO THE DENSITY IS ON A PORTION OF THE SITE AND  
5 THEN PUTTING THE DENSITY THERE ALLOWS THE REST OF THE PROPERTY  
6 TO BE OPEN SPACE, SO THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED A TRADEOFF.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO THE PROPOSED TRAILS CONNECT TO THE  
9 EXISTING TRAILS?

10

11 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE ISSUES RELATIVE TO DENSITY PARKING AND  
14 TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSIDERED DURING THE REGIONAL PUBLIC  
15 HEARINGS?

16

17 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED ALL OF THOSE  
18 ISSUES. THE HEARING WAS EXTENDED FOUR TIMES AND THOSE ITEMS  
19 WERE ADDRESSED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE THERE?

22

23 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** IT WAS FOUR TIMES THE COMMISSION MET TO  
24 DISCUSS THE PROJECT WITH TWO OF THOSE HEARINGS INVOLVING  
25 EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE DEVELOPMENT.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED  
3 TO ALLEVIATE THE TRAFFIC?

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5 **DENNIS HUNTER:** THERE WOULD BE NO UNMITIGATED IMPACTS RELATIVE  
6 TO TRAFFIC THAT AREN'T COVERED BY THE PROPOSED MEASURES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HOW WOULD THE AREA'S TRAFFIC CONGESTION  
9 BE-- COULD WE HAVE IT QUIET, PLEASE? HOW WOULD THE-- WHAT  
10 MITIGATIONS COULD BE INCORPORATED THAT WOULD ELEVATE THE "F"  
11 RATING TO A HIGHER RATING?

12

13 **DENNIS HUNTER:** THROUGH TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION ALONG  
14 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THAT A PART OF THE PROJECT?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** IT'S PART OF THE DEER LAKE RANCH PROJECT.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THERE HAVE TO BE ADDITIONAL  
21 SYNCHRONIZATION CONDITIONS ADDED?

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23 **DENNIS HUNTER:** UNDER C.E.Q.A., THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS  
24 THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT LEVEL OF MITIGATION.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF IT'S ALREADY A "F" RATING, WOULD AN  
2   ADDITIONAL SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVE THAT?

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4   **DENNIS HUNTER:** IT COULD HELP, BUT THEY'RE ONLY REQUIRED TO...

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT BUT WOULD ADDITIONAL  
7   SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVE THE ACCESS?

8

9   **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT WOULD IMPROVE TRAFFIC ALONG TOPANGA.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN LET'S MAKE THAT PART OF THE CONDITION.  
12   THE PROPOSED 65-UNIT CONDITION-- CONDOMINIUM PROJECT... [  
13   INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M ADDING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

16

17   **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPOSED 65-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IS  
20   THE SECOND RECENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED IN THE CHATSWORTH AREA.  
21   ALONG THE COURSE OF SEVERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE R.P.C.,  
22   A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS AND MITIGATION MEASURES HAVE BEEN  
23   INCORPORATED. THAT INCLUDED THE DEDICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
24   A 6.6-ACRE OPEN SPACE PARCEL, CONSTRUCTION OF A RIDING AND  
25   HIKING TRAIL ACROSS THE OPEN SPACE PARCEL THAT CONNECTS TO THE



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1 REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK, COORDINATED WITH THE TRAIL SYSTEM AND  
2 THE ADJOINING DEER LAKE RANCH PROJECT. INCORPORATION OF A  
3 SERIES OF TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES COORDINATED AS TO TIMING  
4 AND COST SHARING WITH THE DEER LAKE PROJECT. THE TRAFFIC  
5 MITIGATION MEASURES ARE CONDITIONED BASED ON THE ORIGINAL 159-  
6 UNIT PROJECT, ALTHOUGH THE DENSITY NOW HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 65-  
7 - OR BY 60% TO 65 UNITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF APPROXIMATELY  
8 \$43,000 IN FEES TO THE COUNTY'S LIBRARY SYSTEM. HOWEVER,  
9 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS NEED TO BE ADDED TO THIS PROPOSAL. THESE  
10 ADDED CONDITIONS WILL BE THE FOLLOWING: THE APPLICANT WILL BE  
11 CONDITIONED TO DEPOSIT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 TO BE  
12 EXPENDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT AND SHALL BE  
13 USED FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN THE LOCAL  
14 CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY. THE FEE SHALL BE PAID IN FOUR ANNUAL  
15 PAYMENTS OF \$43,000, \$750. THE FIRST PAYMENT SHALL BE DUE  
16 WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF THE FINDINGS AND  
17 CONDITIONS AND EACH SUCCEEDING PAYMENT WILL BE DUE ON THE  
18 APPROVED ANNIVERSARY DATE. THE FUNDS SHALL BE PUT INTO A  
19 SEGREGATED ACCOUNT ADMINISTERED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING.  
20 PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION, ANY GRADING ACTIVITY, THE  
21 APPLICANT SHALL CONDUCT A PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING WITH MEMBERS  
22 OF THE COMMUNITY. ALL GRADING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ENGINE  
23 WARM-UPS, WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE HOURS BETWEEN 7:00 A.M.  
24 AND 6:00 P.M. NO SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR COUNTY-OBSERVED HOLIDAY  
25 GRADING OPERATIONS ARE PERMITTED. OTHER CONSTRUCTION



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1 OPERATIONS, SUCH AS FRAMING AS WELL AS LANDSCAPING AND  
2 INTERIOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE LIMITED TO MONDAY  
3 THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.  
4 AND, ON SATURDAY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.  
5 NO WORK SHALL BE PERMITTED ON SUNDAYS OR COUNTY-OBSERVED  
6 HOLIDAYS. OFF-SITE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THROUGH THE TWIN LAKES  
7 COMMUNITY BY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND/OR CONTRACTORS'  
8 VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED. THE APPLICANT SHALL SPECIFY  
9 AUTHORIZED ROUTES FOR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED VEHICLES. APPLICANT  
10 WILL POST NECESSARY SIGNS AND/OR PERSONNEL AT ALL ENTRIES TO  
11 TWIN LAKES AND STREETS NOT PERMITTED AS AUTHORIZED ROUTES TO  
12 ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE-- OF THESE PROHIBITIONS. ALL  
13 VEHICLES USED BY CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THOSE OF  
14 OUTSIDE SUPPLIERS AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, SHALL BE PARKED  
15 ON SITE. PARKING OF SUCH VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED OFF-  
16 SITE, INCLUDING MYAN DRIVE, CANOGA AVENUE, POEMA PLACE OR  
17 WITHIN ANY PORTION OF THE NEARBY COMMUNITIES. THE APPLICANT  
18 SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS  
19 ASSOCIATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTY AND POST SIGNS IN  
20 THE AREA AT THE ENTRY POINTS TO THE PROJECT SITE, THE NAME AND  
21 24-HOUR FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT'S SITE  
22 REPRESENTATIVE. THE SIGN SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE TELEPHONE  
23 NUMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
24 ZONING ENFORCEMENT SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
25 BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION AND THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY



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1 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THE REPRESENTATIVE WHO MONITORS THE 24-  
2 HOUR TELEPHONE LINE SHALL HAVE A WEEKEND AND EVENING CONTACT  
3 LIST FOR ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS ON THE JOB SITE.  
4 AND THE ADDITIONAL ON THE SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION AS STATED BY  
5 THE DEPARTMENT. THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE HEARINGS,  
6 INDICATE THAT WE'VE READ AND WE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
7 DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PROJECT AND WE INTEND TO CERTIFICATE THE  
8 EIR, INDICATE OUR INTENT TO APPROVE THE C.U.P. 00188, INDICATE  
9 OUR INTENT TO APPROVE THE OAK TREE PERMIT 00188, INDICATE OUR  
10 INTENT TO APPROVE VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 53235, INDICATE  
11 OUR INTENT TO APPROVE ZONE CHANGE 00188, INDICATE OUR PLAN TO  
12 APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 00188, AND DIRECT COUNTY  
13 COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AND NECESSARY  
14 MAP AND ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE CHANGE OF ZONE AND THE  
15 APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL PLAN  
16 AMENDMENT AS WELL AS THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION  
17 CONSISTENT WITH THE REVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS MOTION.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THE  
20 CHAIR TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO-- IS THERE SOMETHING YOU HAVE  
21 TO READ IN THE RECORD?

22  
23 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** NO, MR. CHAIRMAN. SUPERVISOR  
24 ANTONOVICH HAS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE.



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THERE A SECOND? MOVED AND  
2    SECONDED. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

3

4    **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OBJECTION!

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

7

8    **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YES, IS THIS AN AGENDA ITEM?

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, MR. HOLLOWAY, YOU CAN COME UP AND HAVE  
11   YOUR THREE MINUTES.

12

13   **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** GOOD MORNING AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR NOT  
14   FURTHER VIOLATING ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE VIOLATED SINCE  
15   WHO KNOWS WHEN. JUST REALLY QUICKLY, THERE'S SO MANY TOPICS.  
16   ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS IS-- WELL, I KNOW YOU'VE STARTED MY  
17   TIME...

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, ON THIS ITEM.

20

21   **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. FIRST, I OPPOSE ALL THE ITEMS-- OKAY.  
22   MY NAME IS MERRITT MARIO HOLLOWAY. I HAVE APPEARED BEFORE YOU  
23   IN THE PAST ON YOUR POOR VOTING HABITS AND I OPPOSE ALL THE  
24   ITEMS BECAUSE I OPPOSE YOUR CORRUPTION AND SCHEMES FOR  
25   STEALING THE COUNTY'S LAND, RESOURCES, AND EVERYTHING ELSE





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1 THAT THE PUBLIC-- AT THE PUBLIC'S EXPENSE AND ALSO EXTREME  
2 INCOMPETENCY. SO SOME OF MY POINTS ARE THE REVENUE-GENERATING  
3 GIVEAWAYS TO, OF COURSE, STOP THOSE AND ALSO, TOO, YOU HAVE  
4 DOWNSTAIRS, IN ROOM B-1, THE C.A.O.'S WORKPLACE PROGRAMS AND  
5 MARKETING AND YOU GUYS ARE SELLING THESE T-SHIRTS. OKAY.  
6 YOU'RE SELLING THESE T-SHIRTS AND, LIKE, THERE'S CHILD SLAVE  
7 LABOR-- CHILD SLAVE LABOR GOING ON IN HONDURAS AND YOU'RE  
8 SELLING THESE T-SHIRTS AT THE EXPENSE OF CHILD LABOR. NOT TO  
9 MENTION YOU HAVE A AMBASSADOR PIN, OKAY, WHICH IS NOT PART OF  
10 THE PIN THAT YOU GUYS WERE DEALING WITH LAST WEEK. YOU HAVE  
11 THIS AMBASSADOR PIN ENRICHING THE COUNTY'S LIFE AND YOU'RE  
12 GIVING ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES IMMUNITY AND, YOU KNOW, SO THERE'S  
13 A LOT OF CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE RAISED ABOUT  
14 THIS, OKAY? THIS EMBLEM IS MADE BY THE RED CHINESE AND, BY  
15 THEM MAKING THESE PINS, THAT MEANS THAT YOU GUYS ARE GUILTY OF  
16 TREASON BECAUSE YOU'RE OUTSOURCING JOBS AND YOU'RE SENDING  
17 THEM TO CHINA. SO WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT. NOW, MOLINA, YOUR  
18 FOCUS ON THE-- YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON THE 60,000 CHILDREN THAT  
19 YOU HAVE STOLEN AND PERHAPS SENT TO CHINA AND HONDURAS TO WORK  
20 IN YOUR SLAVE LABOR CAMPS THAT PRODUCE YOUR SLAVE CAMP LABOR  
21 T-SHIRTS AND AMBASSADOR PINS. WE NEED TO VOTE YOU SUPERVISORS  
22 OUT. CHANGING LIVES IS TRUE. [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE ]  
23  
24 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** THANK YOU. PUTTING US DEEPER IN DEBT BY YOUR  
25 WASTEFUL SPENDING. TEACH THE CHILDREN TO OBJECT TO YOUR



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1 CORRUPTION AND OUTSOURCING. OKAY. I KNOW MY TIME IS GOING AND  
2 THERE'S SO MANY ISSUES. DEAR LOS ANGELES VOTERS, YOU HAVE THE  
3 RIGHT IN BELIEVING IN THE CROSS BUT DON'T LET THE SUPERVISORS  
4 FOOL YOU. THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS CREATED A SCAM  
5 WHERE THEY PREACH THEIR BRAND OF BLASPHEMY. THIS IS NOT IN THE  
6 BEST INTEREST OF THE CROSS OR IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. THE  
7 SUPERVISORS HAVE CREATED A NEW JOB TITLE FOR ALL COUNTY  
8 EMPLOYEES, COUNTY AMBASSADORS. THEY WANT THEIR NAMES IN THE  
9 COMMUNITY TO INFLUENCE ALL ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY LIFE AS THE  
10 FIVE SUPERVISORS ARE DEITIES. DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH  
11 THIS SCAM. OKAY. NOW, HERE IS MY IDEA, THAT THERE ARE MANY  
12 CONSTITUTIONAL INTERESTS ALSO FOR BALLOT. WE NEED TO COLLECT  
13 SIGNATURES. SO IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING IT ON BALLOT  
14 BUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS PUT A RED LINE THROUGH THE COUNTY  
15 EMBLEM, WHICH MEANS NOT, AND THEN, THEREFORE, THAT WILL-- THAT  
16 WILL MAKE THE COUNTY'S EMBLEM NULL AND VOID. ALSO, IN FACT, TO  
17 HAVE THE FOSTER CHILDREN NOT YET MURDERED OR SENT TO RED CHINA  
18 OR HONDURAS IN SLAVE CAMPS TO PAY FOR, TO GO OUT THROUGH THE  
19 COMMUNITY AND PUT THESE RED SYMBOLS ON THERE. AND MY LAST  
20 THING-- DARN YOU, YOU ALL JUST CAUGHT ME SO OFF GUARD BUT YOU  
21 GUYS ARE JUST CROOKED AND YOU NEED TO BE-- OH, ADJOURN IN THE  
22 MEMORY OF MY GHETTO SLAVE CHILD KIDNAPPED BY YOUR D.C.F.S.  
23 SOCIAL WORKER, LAURA KIM.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP, MR. HOLLOWAY.



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1

2 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I WILL NOT REST UNTIL CRIMINAL AND  
3 CONSPIRATORS INVOLVED...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.

6

7 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** ...IN THE KIDNAPPING SCHEME ARE PUT BEHIND  
8 BARS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, THE ITEM, REMAINING ITEMS, IS THERE  
11 ANY FINAL ACTION WE NEED ON ITEM 101?

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** NO, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST THE CLERK NEEDS  
14 TO RECORD THE ITEM WAS APPROVED.

15

16 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** AND DON'T TURN OFF MY MIC.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S  
19 BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. I'M  
20 GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE TO CATCH AN AIRPLANE TO D.C. BUT I  
21 WOULD ASK FOR CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 10 AND 43 BE CONTINUED FOR  
22 ONE WEEK.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ONES ARE THOSE? 10?

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 10 IS THE SEAL AND 43 IS THE CEMEX. I KNOW  
4    THERE ARE PEOPLE DOWN HERE TO TESTIFY TO ALLOW THE...

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE CAN DEAL WITH 10. DO YOU WANT TO BE HERE?

7

8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SURE DO.

9

10    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A HEARING ON 10?

11

12    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DO. I WAS GOING TO CONTINUE IT BECAUSE I  
13    HAVE TO LEAVE.

14

15    **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T THINK I WANT IT CONTINUED.

16

17    **MALE VOICE:** OBJECTION! (INDISTINCT VOICE). IT SHOULD BE DONE  
18    TODAY! WASTE TOO MUCH TIME ON PRESENTATIONS AND NOW WE CANNOT  
19    SPEAK ON ITEM 10? (INDISTINCT VOICE)

20

21    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT.

22

23    **SUP. BURKE:** THEY WERE NOT CONTINUED?

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. ITEM 43 IS CONTINUED. IS IT 43 THAT HE ASK  
2   FOR? ITEM 10 IS NOT.

3

4   **MALE VOICE:** 10! IT'S A SHAME! (INDISTINCT VOICE).

5

6   **MALE VOICE:** IT'S NOT RIGHT!

7

8   **MALE VOICE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE).

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ARE WE ON-- STILL ON SPECIALS? MR.  
11   YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR...

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD THE DEPUTY TAKE CARE OF THIS GENTLEMAN?  
16   THANK YOU.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAM  
19   CHAIR. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
20   OF RAY CHARLES. IS MY MIC ON?

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT IS.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
25   RAY CHARLES, RENOWNED MULTI-TALENTED PERFORMER WHO...



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1

2 **MALE VOICE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE!)

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD YOU ASK HIM TO LEAVE? I THINK  
5 IT WOULD BE BETTER. HE KEEPS DISRUPTING THE MEETING. GO AHEAD.  
6 I'M SORRY, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR, I...

9

10 **MALE VOICE:** IT'S A SHAME YOU, MOLINA! WE VOTE FOR YOU! AND  
11 YOU... (INDISTINCT VOICE).

12

13 **FEMALE VOICE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE).

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHHH! MADAM CHAIR... [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S GOING TO BE ESCORTED OUT. WHY DON'T WE WAIT  
18 UNTIL HE GETS ESCORTED OUT. I'M SORRY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS USING THE WRONG MIC. I APOLOGIZE.  
21 MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN AT THE CONCLUSION  
22 OF THIS MEETING IN THE MEMORY OF RAY CHARLES, RENOWNED MULTI-  
23 TALENTED PERFORMER AND COMPOSER WHOSE CAREER SPANNED MORE THAN  
24 SIX DECADES AND WHO SUCCUMBED TO LIVER DISEASE AT THE AGE OF  
25 73 LAST WEEK. FROM HIS EARLIEST HITS IN THE 1950S ONWARD, RAY





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1 CHARLES CREATED A DYNAMIC MUSICAL LEGACY USING RHYTHM AND  
2 BLUES, JAZZ, GOSPEL, BLUES AND COUNTRY INTO A SOUND AND STYLE  
3 ENTIRELY HIS OWN, SETTING TRENDS AND BREAKING BARRIERS ALL  
4 ALONG THE WAY. AND, DESPITE LOSING HIS SIGHT AT THE AGE OF  
5 SEVEN, RAY CHARLES NEVER LET IT SLOW HIM DOWN, LEAVING BEHIND  
6 AN OUTSTANDING BODY OF MUSICAL WORK THAT FEW ARTISTS CAN  
7 MATCH. HE'S SURVIVED BY 12 CHILDREN, EVELYN, RAY, JR., DAVID  
8 ROBERT. CHARLES, SHEILA, RENEE, RETHA, ROBIN, VINCENT,  
9 ALEXANDRA AND COREY, 20 GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT-  
10 GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
11 BURT RASHBY, A LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF TOPANGA CANYON, KNOWN  
12 FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOPANGA'S FIRE SAFETY POLICIES AND  
13 DEEP DEDICATION TO PROGRESSIVE ACTIVISM WHO RECENTLY SUCCUMBED  
14 TO CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE IN HIS APARTMENT IN PARIS, FRANCE,  
15 AT THE AGE OF 68. LASTLY, I WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
16 MEMORY OF RABBI WILLIAM MORDECAI KRAMER, A BRILLIANT AND  
17 PROLIFIC RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR, LAWYER, AUTHOR, PROFESSOR AND  
18 PUBLIC SPEAKER. I MIGHT ADD COLUMNIST. WHO RECENTLY SUCCUMBED  
19 TO COMPLICATIONS FROM DIABETES AND HEART FAILURE AT THE AGE OF  
20 84. HE SERVED AS A RABBI FOR TEMPLE BETH EMET IN BURBANK FOR  
21 MORE THAN 30 YEARS, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MANY OTHER SYNAGOGUES  
22 THROUGHOUT HIS LONG RABBINICAL CAREER AND HE AND I WENT BACK A  
23 LONG WAY INTO THE MID TO LATE 1960S. HE WAS A MAN OF GREAT  
24 PERSONAL COURAGE AND INTEGRITY AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN



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1 HIS MEMORY AS WELL. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MEMORIES, MADAM  
2 CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO MOVED. ON RAY CHARLES, I THINK WE  
5 WOULD ALL LIKE TO JOIN IN. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. DO YOU  
6 HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE UP AT THIS TIME,  
7 MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP THE BEACH ITEM, THE  
10 NO SMOKING...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, CAN I DO ONE QUICK THING? SEE  
13 IF I CAN DO THIS WELL OR NOT. VARIOUS ITEMS WERE HELD FOR A  
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND THOSE ITEMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. I  
15 COULD READ THROUGH ALL OF THEM BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE OKAY IF  
16 WE SAID, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY  
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO MOVING THOSE  
18 ITEMS FORWARD?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** SECOND.

23



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO  
2   OBJECTION, THOSE ITEMS THAT WERE NOT HELD BY ANY MEMBER OF THE  
3   BOARD ARE APPROVED.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER  
6   2. MADAM CHAIR, I'LL JUST SPEAK TO IT. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF  
7   THE STAFF-- STAN WISNIEWSKI, MAYBE YOU WANT TO COME FORWARD.  
8   MADAM CHAIR, EVERY CITY ALONG THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COASTLINE  
9   HAS PASSED AN ORDINANCE BANNING SMOKING ON THE BEACHES. THE  
10   ONLY JURISDICTION NOT TO DO SO UNTIL THIS POINT IS THE COUNTY  
11   OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE TWO BEACHES ARE AT ISSUE: TOPANGA STATE  
12   BEACH, AT LEAST PART OF IT IS UNDER OUR JURISDICTION, AND IN  
13   THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF L.A. COUNTY, AND MOTHER'S BEACH IN  
14   MARINA DEL REY, WHICH, ODDLY ENOUGH, IS A BEACH PREDOMINANTLY  
15   ATTENDED BY CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS. IT'S A WADING AREA  
16   MORE THAN IT IS ANYTHING ELSE. I BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR  
17   LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO FILL IN THE GAP THAT IT'S NOW LEAVING  
18   ALONG THE ENTIRE COUNTY COASTLINE SO THAT THE ENTIRE BEACH--  
19   ALL OF THE BEACHES FROM VENTURA COUNTY TO ORANGE COUNTY WITHIN  
20   OUR BORDERS WILL BE SMOKE-FREE ZONES. QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN  
21   ABOUT THE COST OF ENFORCEMENT. I DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS A COST  
22   OF ENFORCEMENT ISSUE. THE SAME ARGUMENTS WERE RAISED BACK 25  
23   OR SO YEARS AGO WHEN WE BANNED SMOKING IN ELEVATORS IN THE  
24   CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THEN WE BANNED SMOKING IN SUPERMARKETS  
25   AND THEN WE BANNED SMOKING IN CITY HALL ITSELF AND IN PUBLIC--



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1 CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSEMBLAGE AREAS. WE DON'T ALLOW SMOKING ANY  
2 MORE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, AT THE STAPLES CENTER, PLACES  
3 WHERE PEOPLE CONGREGATE. AND, AS FAR AS I KNOW, WITH VERY RARE  
4 EXCEPTIONS, MAYBE ONCE IN A BLUE MOON IN A RESTAURANT,  
5 ENFORCEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN NECESSARY BECAUSE, ONCE THE RULES  
6 ARE ESTABLISHED, PEOPLE ABIDE BY THE RULES. AS LONG AS THERE  
7 ARE NO RULES PROHIBITING SMOKING, PEOPLE ARE FREE TO SMOKE AND  
8 SOME WILL DO SO, EVEN THOUGH SOME MAY CHOOSE NOT TO OUT OF  
9 COURTESY FOR OTHERS, IT IS STILL LEGAL FOR THEM TO SMOKE.  
10 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO NEED SHERIFFS AND LIFEGUARDS AND FIRE  
11 PERSONNEL AND INSPECTORS TO GO OUT LOOKING AROUND. I THINK  
12 IT'S JUST GOING TO BE, AS MARVIN BROWDY USED TO SAY, IT'S A  
13 SELF-ENFORCING KIND OF THING, AND THAT'S CERTAINLY BEEN THE  
14 EXPERIENCE AND WE HAVE A LOT MORE EXPERIENCE TODAY THAN WE HAD  
15 25 OR 30 YEARS AGO WHEN THIS MOVEMENT FOR SMOKE-FREE AREAS  
16 STARTED. I DON'T WANT LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S BEACHES, THE TWO  
17 BEACHES UNDER OUR JURISDICTION, TO BE THE ONLY PLACES BETWEEN  
18 VENTURA COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY WHERE YOU CAN STILL GO TO A  
19 BEACH AND SMOKE. I THINK THAT'S A PROBLEM. IT'S A HEALTH ISSUE  
20 ON A CROWDED SUMMER DAY, IT IS A HEALTH ISSUE AND SMOKE DOES--  
21 SIDE STREAM SMOKE DOES IMPACT OTHER PEOPLE ON THE BEACHES, AND  
22 PEOPLE ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ONE ANOTHER. IT'S ALSO A  
23 LITTER ISSUE BUT, FIRST AND FOREMOST, IT'S A HEALTH ISSUE.  
24 STAN, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD TO  
25 THIS AT THIS POINT OR WHETHER IT'S BEEN COVERED, BUT PLEASE...



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2 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** MR. SUPERVISOR, LET ME ADD SOME PERSPECTIVE.  
3 THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES, MALIBU AND SANTA MONICA HAVE EACH  
4 ADOPTED NO SMOKING ORDINANCES ON THE BEACH. THE ONLY  
5 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE NOT IMPLEMENTED NO SMOKING IN THE L.A.  
6 COUNTY REGION ARE THE CITIES OF REDONDO, MANHATTAN BEACH AND  
7 HERMOSA BEACH.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, THEY HAVEN'T EITHER. I WAS NOT AWARE OF  
10 THAT.

11

12 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THEY HAVE NOT YET. I BELIEVE THAT...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S PENDING?

15

16 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** I BELIEVE THAT, IN MOST OF THOSE CITIES,  
17 THERE WILL BE AN ORDINANCE UP FOR CONSIDERATION. I BELIEVE, IN  
18 ONE, IT DID COME UP BUT IT'S GOING TO BE RESCHEDULED DOWN THE  
19 ROAD. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU WOULD ADD THE MARINA DEL REY PUBLIC  
20 BEACH AS WELL AS TOPANGA WHICH WOULD MAKE NO SMOKING UNIFORM  
21 ON THE BEACHES FROM MARINA DEL REY ALL THE WAY TO THE VENTURA,  
22 L.A. COUNTY LINE. SO THAT BRINGS A RATHER SIGNIFICANT LINE OF  
23 AREA WHERE YOU'RE INDICATING THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT THE  
24 COUNTY'S BEACHES TO BE THE ONLY ONES WHERE YOU COULD SMOKE.  
25 CLEARLY, TOPANGA BEACH WOULD BE AN ISLAND IN THAT SENSE.



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1 CIGARETTE BUTTS DO CREATE A-- IT IS A MAINTENANCE ISSUE ON THE  
2 BEACH. I THINK PEOPLE ARE GENERALLY REPULSED MORE BY CIGARETTE  
3 BUTTS AND THEY'RE HARDER TO CLEAN UP THAN ARE OTHER KINDS OF  
4 LITTER. WITH THAT, I THINK THAT'S THE PERSPECTIVE FROM THE  
5 BEACHES AND HARBORS DEPARTMENT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WOULD-- I KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME  
8 CONCERN AMONG SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES. I WOULD BE WILLING TO  
9 AMEND THIS OR TO HAVE IT AMENDED, IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO DO IT,  
10 AS A PILOT THROUGH THE SUMMER, THROUGH LABOR DAY, HAVE THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS REPORT BACK TO US ON HOW  
12 IT'S WORKED. BUT I DO THINK, IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, THE  
13 SUMMER IS UPON US, IT'S NOW JUNE 15TH. THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, IF  
14 NOT ALREADY, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE CONGREGATING AT THE  
15 BEACHES AND, TO HAVE ANY EFFECT WHEN THE BULK OF THE  
16 POPULATION IS COMING OUT THERE, NOW IS THE TIME, THIS IS THE  
17 MONTH TO DO IT. SO I WOULD ENTERTAIN ANY COMPROMISE JUST SO  
18 THAT WE CAN AT LEAST COVER THE SUMMER AND SEE HOW IT WORKS  
19 BECAUSE SOME HAVE RAISED TO ME THE ISSUE OF COST. I THINK THAT  
20 WILL, AS I-- I WON'T REPEAT WHAT I SAID, I THINK IT WILL  
21 BECOME SELF-EVIDENT THAT IT'S NOT A COST ISSUE. IN FACT, IT  
22 MAY BE A SAVINGS IF YOU SPEND AS MUCH TIME LOOKING FOR  
23 CIGARETTE BUTTS OR DEALING WITH THEM. BUT, ANYWAY, WHATEVER.  
24 IT'S NOT REALLY THE COST, IT'S THE HEALTH THAT'S THE PRIMARY  
25 THING.





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2 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THE ENFORCEMENT ON THIS WOULD BE THE  
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IF THERE IS A REPORT THAT WOULD BE DUE  
4 BACK TO THE BOARD, I WOULD REQUEST-- I HAVE NO-- OBVIOUSLY,  
5 WE'LL COOPERATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT I WOULD  
6 SUGGEST THAT THEY REPORT BACK IF THERE IS SUCH AN ORDINANCE  
7 BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE THE ENFORCING AGENCY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT THE SHERIFF IS  
10 GOING TO GET CALLED BUT WE WILL GET A REPORT, THAT WOULD  
11 CERTAINLY BE THE INTEREST OF FINDING OUT WHETHER HE HAS BEEN  
12 CALLED AND WHETHER IT'S BEEN A...

13

14 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** WE DID TALK TO THE LIFEGUARDS AND THEY  
15 INDICATED, AS WITH OTHER ORDINANCES, THEY WOULD NOT BE  
16 INVOLVED IN THE ENFORCEMENT. IF THERE ARE ORDINANCES THAT ARE  
17 VIOLATED ON THE BEACHES, THE LIFEGUARDS ARE GENERALLY PRETTY  
18 POPULAR FOLKS ON THE BEACH AND THEY GENTLY NUDGE PEOPLE TO  
19 COMPLY WITH ORDINANCES AND THEN, IF COMPLIANCE IS NOT  
20 FORTHCOMING, THEY CALL THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE?

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** YES, I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE CONSISTENCY  
2    BECAUSE WHAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO HAPPEN IS, IF YOU HAVE NO  
3    SMOKING IN OTHER AREAS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE  
4    COMING INTO OUR AREA IF WE DON'T HAVE A CONSISTENT LAW. SO  
5    WHAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE IS NOT JUST THE USUAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
6    WHO ARE SMOKERS THAT WOULD BE THERE BUT THOSE WHO SAY, "WELL,  
7    I CAN'T SMOKE ANYWHERE ELSE, I'LL GO TO THE COUNTY BEACH JUST  
8    TO SMOKE." AND I KNOW THAT DRINKING IS ALSO NOT ALLOWED OF  
9    ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE BEACH.

10

11   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE:** AND SOMEHOW WE MANAGE TO CARRY OUT THAT  
14   ENFORCEMENT. WHAT ORDINARILY HAPPENS IS THAT THE LIFEGUARDS  
15   DON'T GET INVOLVED BUT THE SHERIFF DOES GET INVOLVED IF IT  
16   BECOMES A PROBLEM. AND I SUSPECT SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CALL  
17   THE SHERIFF WHEN THERE'S SOMEONE SMOKING CLOSE BY THEM WHERE  
18   THEY DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH THEY SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO IT. SO  
19   THAT IT WILL-- WE'LL SEE HOW THE ENFORCEMENT WORKS OUT. THE  
20   IMPORTANT THING, I THINK, IS FOR US TO HAVE CONSISTENCY SO WE  
21   DON'T ATTRACT ALL THE SMOKERS AT THIS POINT.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LITTERING AS A  
2   PROBLEM, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROHIBIT ANY TYPE OF  
3   FOODS AND BEVERAGES ON THE BEACH. SO, IF THAT'S A FACTOR, THEN  
4   IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO PROHIBIT ALL TYPES OF FOODS AND  
5   BEVERAGES ON THE BEACH, IF THAT'S THE CONCERN, LITTERING. AS  
6   THEY DO IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER AREAS, THEY HAVE DESIGNATED  
7   AREAS FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SMOKE. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE  
8   A PILOT WHERE YOU HAVE A DESIGNATED AREA FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
9   WHO DO SMOKE, I THINK THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAN TO USE  
10   THE BROAD BRUSH AND PROHIBIT IT COMPLETELY. SO THAT WOULD BE  
11   MY SUGGESTION.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIR-- MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST  
14   RESPOND?

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACTUALLY, IN CALIFORNIA, THERE ARE NO  
19   SMOKING AREAS IN RESTAURANTS. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL  
20   RESTAURANTS EVERYWHERE AND THAT WAS STATE LEGISLATION THAT WAS  
21   PASSED. BUT LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, STAN. IF I'M ON TOPANGA  
22   BEACH AND I WANT TO SMOKE A CIGARETTE, WHAT'S THE NEAREST  
23   PLACE I WILL BE LEGALLY ABLE TO DO THAT? IF I GO TO THE  
24   PARKING LOT, IS THE SMOKING NOT PERMITTED ON THE SAND, OR IS  
25   IT-- IS THAT WHERE IT'S LIMITED TO?



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2 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** WELL, CURRENTLY IT'S PROHIBITED AT TOPANGA  
3 BEACH ON THE BEACH...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND BUT IF WE PASS THE...

6

7 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** IF YOU DID A PILOT, FOR EXAMPLE, AS  
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SUGGESTS, YOU COULD PERHAPS CONDITION IT  
9 THAT SMOKING WOULD BE ALLOWABLE IN THE PARKING LOT BUT NOT ON  
10 THE BEACH.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DOES THE CITY OF L.A. DEAL WITH IT IN  
13 THEIR ORDINANCE? DO YOU KNOW?

14

15 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THAT'S AN INTERESTING QUESTION. I DON'T KNOW  
16 IF IT'S GOING TO BE ENFORCED ON THE BEACH AS WELL AS IN THE  
17 PARKING LOT OR NOT. I REALLY DON'T KNOW THAT BUT IT CERTAINLY  
18 MAKES SENSE TO ME THAT, ON A PILOT BASIS, ALLOW THE SMOKING IN  
19 THE PARKING LOT BUT NOT ON THE BEACH.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THAT.

22

23 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** AND HAVE SOME KIND OF RECEPTACLE SO THAT PEOPLE  
2   WOULD PUT THEIR BUTTS OUT IN THE-- I THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE  
3   WHO EAT ON THE BEACH, THEY DON'T LEAVE THEIR PAPERS ON THE  
4   BEACH. I DON'T RECALL SEEING PEOPLE DROPPING A LOT OF FOOD  
5   WRAPPERS AND FOOD ON THE BEACH. FOR THE MOST PART, WHEN THEY  
6   FINISHED EATING, THEY TAKE IT TO THE WASTE BASKET OR THE  
7   RUBBISH, TO PUT IT THERE.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY ALL THE STYROFOAM CUPS ARE FLOATING  
10   AROUND.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS, THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY  
13   EXCEPTIONS TO PEOPLE-- BUT IT'S NOT PREVALENT. MOST PEOPLE DO--  
14   - YOU SEE THE TRASH CANS OVERFLOWING, AS A MATTER OF FACT.

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. MY PROBLEM WITH  
17   THIS ISSUE IS WHETHER IT'S JUST A FAD THAT IS GOING ON, AND I  
18   DON'T EVEN-- I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE RATIONALE  
19   THAT GOES WITH IT. AND THAT'S BASICALLY WHERE I AM. CERTAINLY  
20   IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, IN OUR LIBRARIES AND IN OUR  
21   RESTAURANTS, WE'RE IN A VERY CONTAINED AREA, AND CERTAINLY THE  
22   ISSUE OF SECONDARY SMOKE HAVE BEEN STUDIED WELL AND I THINK  
23   THERE ARE STATES OR LOCALITIES THAT, AT ONE POINT, STOP  
24   SMOKING IN SOME OF THESE BUILDINGS AND THEN CHANGED IT AND THE  
25   IMPACT OF CANCER AND OTHER THINGS HAS CLEARLY BEEN STUDIED. SO



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1 THERE'S A CLEAR CORRELATION AND IT MAKES SENSE. IT'S A LAW  
2 THAT MAKES SENSE. WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS WHY THE  
3 BEACHES? IS IT BECAUSE SANTA MONICA DECIDED ONE DAY, "OH,  
4 LET'S DO THIS"? OR IS IT BECAUSE...

5

6 **FEMALE VOICE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE)

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OR IS IT BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT ANNOYING, YOU KNOW,  
9 SMOKERS AND CREATING ANY KIND OF SECONDARY SMOKE PROBLEMS OR  
10 IS IT LITTER? BECAUSE I'M-- WHY NOT IN ALL OF OUR PUBLIC  
11 PARKS? DID THE CITY OF L.A. GO TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC PARKS? AND  
12 IF THEY'RE DOING THAT, WHY NOT JUST BAN SMOKING ALTOGETHER?  
13 I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE AND THAT'S WHY I'M  
14 WONDERING WHETHER IT'S JUST A FAD OR WHAT IS GOING ON. NOW,  
15 CERTAINLY I COULD UNDERSTAND, IF EVERYBODY AROUND YOU IS DOING  
16 IT, THEN THEY-- SMOKERS WILL CONGREGATE TO THAT ONE BEACH. I  
17 UNDERSTAND THAT BUT I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHERE  
18 ELSE DO YOU SMOKE? I MEAN, WHERE THERE IS-- AND IF IT'S THE  
19 ISSUE OF SECONDARY SMOKE, I GUESS I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
20 BECAUSE IT CAN'T BE THE ISSUES OF LITTERING BECAUSE YOU SEE  
21 MORE STYROFOAM CUPS ON MOTHER'S BEACH RIGHT ALONG THE EDGE OR  
22 BOATERS JUST TOSS THEM RIGHT OUT. SO I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND  
23 SOME OF IT. AND, IF IT'S SECONDARY SMOKE, YOU KNOW, WHY NOT IN  
24 ALL OF THE PUBLIC PARKS? WHAT IS IT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE  
25 BY THIS LAW? THAT'S, I GUESS, WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. SO, I





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1 MEAN, DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THIS? WHY THE CITY DIDN'T DO  
2 IT IN ALL THE PUBLIC PARKS? WHY DIDN'T THEY DO IT AT EVERY BUS  
3 STOP?

4

5 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** YOU KNOW, I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY THE THREE  
6 CITIES THAT I'M AWARE OF HAVE PASSED IT. I CAN INDICATE THAT I  
7 THINK IT STARTED IN ORANGE COUNTY. I THINK THERE WAS A CITY  
8 THERE THAT DID PASS IT AND I WASN'T AT THE HEARINGS TO FIND  
9 OUT WHAT THE ISSUE WAS. AT THE RISK OF TAKING MY DEPARTMENTAL  
10 HEAD HAT OFF AND PUTTING ON MY PARENTAL HAT, I CAN TELL YOU  
11 THAT, WHEN I'VE BEEN AT THE BEACHES WITH MY KIDS, I'VE HAD TO  
12 LITERALLY MOVE THE BLANKET WITH THE KIDS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT  
13 THEM EXPOSED...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU NEVER HAVE TO DO THAT AT A PUBLIC PARK?

16

17 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** OH, I THINK AT PUBLIC PARKS, YOU CERTAINLY  
18 HAVE TO DO IT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

21

22 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** NOW, NO, I'M NOT SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE-- I'M  
23 JUST SAYING THAT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I'M NOT LOBBYING ONE  
24 WAY OR THE OTHER FOR THIS. I THINK IT, AT FIRST BLUSH, IT  
25 APPEARS TO BE A GOOD IDEA FROM A PARENT STANDPOINT. THE OTHER



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1 BENEFIT IS, TO ME, CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE SAND OFFEND ME MORE  
2 THAN ANYTHING. I MEAN, IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE-- I JUST CAN'T--  
3 PEOPLE ARE USING OUR BEACHES AS ASHTRAYS!

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT THERE'S JUST A POINT IN TIME  
6 WHEN YOU WONDER IF YOU ARE JUST, YOU KNOW, TRAMPLING ON OTHER  
7 PEOPLE'S FREEDOMS ON SOME OF THIS. THERE'S NO...

8

9 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THAT I WON'T GET INVOLVED IN. THAT'S YOUR  
10 ISSUE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO UNDERSTAND A  
13 LITTLE BIT BETTER THE RATIONALE. NOW, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I DON'T  
14 WANT TO BE DISRESPECTFUL OF WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO. I GUESS  
15 I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND IT. IS THERE-- WOULD YOU MIND  
16 PUTTING THIS OVER FOR A WEEK? BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND  
17 AND TALK TO SOME OF THE COUNCIL PEOPLE AS TO WHY THEY DIDN'T  
18 DO IT ON THE PARKS. IF THEIR CONCERN IS SECONDARY SMOKE AND IF  
19 THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT IN THE PARKS, WHY NOT AT BUS STOPS? WHY  
20 NOT ON SIDEWALKS? THEN-- I'M NOT SURE WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH  
21 THIS. ARE WE BANNING SMOKING ALTOGETHER? SO I JUST WANT TO  
22 HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THIS. THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN.  
23 THERE CAN BE A DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA BUT WHAT DO YOU DO AT A  
24 BUS STOP? I MEAN, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE-- IT'S JUST-- THE  
25 SIDEWALK-- I'M JUST-- IT JUST-- I'M NOT SURE WHERE THIS IS



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1 GOING AND I'M JUST ASKING SOME, I THINK, BASIC COMMON SENSE  
2 QUESTIONS ON THIS, AND I KNOW-- I UNDERSTAND THE HEALTH-- I  
3 WOULD SAY THAT THIS IS A PROVEN THEORY OR PROVEN THAT  
4 SECONDARY SMOKE CAUSES CANCER. IT IS CLEAR. THAT HAS BEEN  
5 STUDIED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. BUT, IF WE'RE DOING THIS  
6 FOR THAT REASON, THEN WHY NOT ALL PARKS?

7

8 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** YEAH, HOW FAR DO YOU GO?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, CAN I RESPOND TO THAT? LET ME TELL YOU  
11 MY REASON. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CITY'S REASON WAS BUT I'LL  
12 TELL YOU WHAT MY REASON WAS. IT'S PRIMARILY THE ISSUE OF SIDE  
13 STREAM SMOKE AND THE BEACHES, AND I'VE BEEN TO THE BEACHES AS  
14 A MATTER OF COURSE. I TRY TO GET OUT THERE-- THEY ARE CROWDED.  
15 TOPANGA BEACH IS ESPECIALLY CROWDED. MOTHER'S BEACH IS  
16 ESPECIALLY CROWDED WITH KIDS, WITH LITTLE KIDS, TODDLERS, AND  
17 YOU GET-- AND IT IS DIFFERENT-- I'M NOT ARGUING THE PARK  
18 ISSUE, BUT IT'S DIFFERENT THAN A PARK. THE PARK DOESN'T HAVE  
19 THE KIND OF DENSITY OF POPULATION AT ANY GIVEN TIME. MAYBE  
20 GRIFFITH DOES OR SOME OF THE REGIONAL PARKS...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVEN'T YOU BEEN TO LEG LAKE OR SOME OF THESE  
23 AREAS?

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR SOME OF THOSE-- KENNETH HAHN PARK WHERE  
2    YOU HAVE PICNICS AND STUFF, BUT I WAS THINKING MORE IN TERMS  
3    OF BASEBALL AND RECREATION. BUT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND, I  
4    BELIEVE, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, SOMEBODY, WHETHER IT'S A STATE,  
5    I THINK THE STATE MAY ALREADY HAVE-- STATE PARKS MAY ALREADY  
6    HAVE A PROHIBITION, I'M NOT SURE, BUT I'M GOING TO LEAVE THAT  
7    ASIDE. LET'S JUST FOCUS ON THE BEACHES. YOU HAVE A DENSITY OF  
8    POPULATION ON THE BEACHES WHERE THE WIND, THE PREVAILING WIND  
9    GOES A PARTICULAR WAY AND, IF YOU'RE DOWNWIND, YOU'RE INHALING  
10    THAT STUFF AND IT'S UNFAIR FOR MR. WISNIEWSKI, TO USE IT AS AN  
11    EXAMPLE, OR ANYBODY ELSE TO HAVE TO PICK UP AND MOVE HIS  
12    FAMILY TO ANOTHER PLACE UPWIND, IF UPWIND WILL DO THE TRICK,  
13    BECAUSE HE MAY NOW GET CLOSE TO SOMEBODY ELSE WHO'S NOW UPWIND  
14    WITH A CIGARETTE. IT SHOULD BE A SMOKE-FREE ZONE. THERE'S MORE  
15    PEOPLE DURING THE WEEKEND, DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, DURING  
16    THE SUMMERTIME, THERE'S MORE PEOPLE THAN THERE IS SAND,  
17    ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU GET CLOSER TO THE WATERFRONT. AND I WOULD  
18    LIKE TO SEE US MAKE THAT DECISION. LET ME JUST ASK YOU A  
19    TECHNICAL QUESTION, A PROCEDURAL QUESTION. IF WE VOTED TO DO  
20    THIS TODAY, EVEN ON A PILOT BASIS, AND WE COULD LOOK AT THE  
21    OTHER ISSUES SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT IF WE-- WHAT WOULD-- YOU  
22    WOULD POST SIGNS. IS THAT WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO? I MEAN, WHAT IS  
23    THE-- SUPPOSE WE DID IT?  
24



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1   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** IN COOPERATION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
2   THEY HAVE A SIGN THAT WE HAVE WORKED WITH THEM ON IN TERMS OF  
3   THE SIZE AND WE HAVE PLACED IT IN-- WE ARE PLACING IT AS WE  
4   SPEAK IN THE MALIBU BEACH AREAS AS WELL AS...

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU HAVE ENOUGH SIGNS, IF WE DECIDED  
7   TO...

8

9   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THEY'RE COMING FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND  
10  THEY'VE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN GETTING US THE SIGNS. WE'VE  
11  DOWNSIZED THEM A LITTLE BIT SO THAT THEY'RE NOT ALSO EYE  
12  POLLUTION BUT THEY'RE NEXT TO OUR OTHER "DO NOT DO" THINGS ON  
13  THE BEACH, IF YOU WILL, SO THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT YOU'RE  
14  NOT SUPPOSED TO SMOKE.

15

16  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO, BECAUSE IT'S GOING  
17  TO TAKE YOU A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO GET THESE INSTALLED, I WOULD  
18  IMAGINE AT LEAST, AND THAT PUTS US ON THE FOURTH OF JULY  
19  WEEKEND. IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THE FOURTH OF JULY  
20  WEEKEND WITHOUT THIS, IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'VE LOST AN  
21  OPPORTUNITY AND I DO WANT, GLORIA, IF YOU WANT TO GET SOME  
22  MORE INPUT FROM THE CITIES AND OTHERS WHO HAVE DONE THIS AND  
23  WHAT ELSE THEY'RE DOING, I DON'T WANT TO STOP THAT BUT I DO  
24  WANT TO, IF WE CAN, FIND A WAY TO AT LEAST GET THEM MOVING ON  
25  THIS SO THAT THEY CAN DO IT IN A TIMELY FASHION.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR  
3 CONSISTENCY ISN'T THE SAME? AND I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I'M  
4 SAYING.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ISN'T-- WHAT ISN'T THE SAME?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE NOT CONSISTENT. BECAUSE IF, IN FACT,  
9 THAT'S THE POLICY ISSUE YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE, IT'S NOT  
10 GOING TO BE ANY DIFFERENT IN OUR PARKS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.  
11 PEOPLE DON'T JUST GO TO THE BEACH ON THE FOURTH OF JULY. I'M  
12 JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S SORT OF LIKE IS  
13 IT JUST A FAD? IS IT JUST A FOLLOW-ALONG?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT A FAD AT ALL. IT'S NOT A FAD AT  
16 ALL.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT? I MEAN, THERE ARE...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, YOU, YOURSELF...

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF STUDIES ON IT AND  
23 THERE...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THE STUDIES.





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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ...ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE WRITTEN TO US AND  
3 HAVE MADE ANALYSIS OF IT AND THIS IS NOT LIKE...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCLUSIVELY ON THE BEACH? ON THE STUDIES?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I HAVE NOT-- I THINK THEY ALSO WANT THE  
8 PARKS. I MEAN, HONESTLY, I THINK THAT THE ISSUE RELATES TO THE  
9 PARKS AS WELL AS THE BEACH. THE REASON THERE'S MORE EMPHASIS  
10 ON THE BEACH IS THAT IT TENDS TO BE NOT AS MUCH SPACE,  
11 GENERALLY, IN MOST PLACES. THE BEACH TENDS TO BE A PLACE WHERE  
12 YOU ARE PRONE TO CONGESTION, WHERE MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING  
13 TOGETHER. AND, FRANKLY, I BELIEVE, THE BEACH, THE WAY IT'S  
14 SITUATED, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR A PERSON TO GET UP AND WALK  
15 TO THE PARKING LOT OR AWAY FROM THE BEACH TO SMOKE. AND  
16 SMOKERS NOW HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO GET UP  
17 AND MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE TO SMOKE. NOW, AT THE PARK, YOU MAY  
18 HAVE TO WALK A HALF MILE IN SOME PARKS OR CERTAINLY A QUARTER  
19 MILE IN ORDER TO FIND AN APPROPRIATE PLACE IF YOU CANNOT SMOKE  
20 IN THE PARK. IN THE PARK, THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL ISSUE THAT WE  
21 ALSO WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT AND I THINK THERE'S A STUDY OF IT.  
22 THERE'S SOME PARKS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF FIRE HAZARDS AND I  
23 DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE'S SOME OF THESE FIRES HAVE BEEN CAUSED  
24 BY SMOKERS OR NOT BUT I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I  
25 WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND



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1 I'M PREPARED TO VOTE FOR IT. AND-- BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE  
2 WOULD ESTABLISH SOME PLACE THAT SMOKERS CAN LEAVE THE BEACH TO  
3 GO TO SMOKE, WHETHER IT'S IN THE PARKING LOT OR SOMEWHERE  
4 ELSE, AND THAT WE PROVIDE PLACES WHERE THEY CAN PUT OUT THEIR  
5 CIGARETTES THERE SO THEY AREN'T ALL ON THE ASPHALT AND ON THE  
6 STREETS OR WHEREVER THEY'RE GOING TO BE SMOKING. BUT I WOULD  
7 LIKE TO ALSO HAVE SOME KIND OF REPORT BACK ON WHAT THE ISSUES  
8 ARE AS IT RELATES TO PARKS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, MR.  
11 ANTONOVICH HAS AMENDED IT TO SAY THAT THE PARKING LOTS WOULD  
12 BE A FREE ZONE AND-- OR...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. THE PROHIBITION WOULD NOT EXTEND TO  
15 THE PARKING LOTS. THAT WOULD BE A SMOKING AREA.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND MS. BURKE WOULD ASK FOR A REPORT  
18 BACK.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** REPORT ON THAT. PARTICULARLY, I WOULD LIKE TO GET  
21 SOME INFORMATION ON THE FIRES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HAVE  
22 TENDED TO BE ON THOSE DAYS WHEN THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE  
23 PARKS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION ON THAT AS  
24 WELL.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. I'M ABSTAINING ON THIS  
2    ITEM. ANYONE ELSE OBJECTING TO THIS? IF NOT...

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE-- IS THIS THROUGH LABOR DAY? IS THAT  
5    THE UNDERSTANDING OR PERMANENT?

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I THINK IT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING? IT'S A  
8    PILOT PROGRAM?

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD SAY SEPTEMBER 15TH SO YOU HAVE A  
11   WEEK TO GET BACK TO US.

12

13   **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** GREAT. THAT'S EVEN BETTER.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GREAT. THANK YOU.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** 'TIL DECEMBER THE 15TH?

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SEPTEMBER 14TH.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** SEPTEMBER.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A WEEK AFTER LABOR DAY.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. SO WILL YOU NOTE  
2   IT AS SUCH, VIOLET? THAT, WITH MY ABSTENTION AND THE OTHERS  
3   WITH NO OBJECTION, THAT ITEM IS PASSED. NOW, WE HAVE A COUPLE  
4   OF CLEAN-UP ITEMS, JUST SO THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS. ON THE  
5   ISSUE OF ITEM NUMBER 43, IT HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR A WEEK.  
6   ITEM 10 WILL BE HELD AND DISCUSSED TODAY AND MR. KNABE HAS  
7   ALSO MADE A REQUEST THAT ITEM 12 BE CONTINUED. SO I DON'T KNOW  
8   IF WE NEED TO RECONSIDER THAT ITEM IN ORDER TO CONTINUE IT. DO  
9   WE OR NOT?

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD SO MOVE TO RECONSIDER.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.  
14   THEN ITEM 12 WILL BE CONTINUED. ONE OTHER ITEM THAT WE HAD  
15   HELD THAT...

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 12, HE HAS AN AMENDMENT TO THAT,  
18   WHICH IS FINE.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE WOULD INTRODUCE THE AMENDMENT  
21   AND THEN CONTINUE IT.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, I MEAN, WE COULD APPROVE IT.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I'M BEING TOLD HERE BY HIS STAFF THAT THEY  
2    WANT TO...

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, LET ME ASK HIS STAFF RIGHT NOW IF THIS  
5    IS WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM. WE HAVE SOME  
8    PEOPLE THAT WANT TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM NUMBER 96. THIS IS AN  
9    ITEM THAT HAD BEEN CONTINUED BUT THEY WANT TO SPEAK TODAY. SO  
10   IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, I'D LIKE TO PERMIT THEM TO COME AND  
11   SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, AND THAT IS...

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST SAY, I'M DONE WITH MY SPECIALS.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. VERY GOOD. WE HAVE DR. BRIAN JOHNSON,  
16   DR. IRV EDWARDS AND DR. JOHN HIGGINS, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US,  
17   PLEASE.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, DON WOULD HAVE THIS  
20   AMENDED TODAY.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND CONTINUE IT?

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NOT CONTINUE IT. VOTE ON IT...

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, MR. ANTONOVICH HAS  
2   CLARIFIED ITEM NUMBER...

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LET ME READ SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AMENDMENT  
5   TO...

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...12.

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ITEM 12.

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT ITEM 12 BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE AN  
14   ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE FOOD INSECURITY EXISTS IN OTHER  
15   REGIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THAT THE TASK FORCE ALSO  
16   IDENTIFIED MEASURES THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ON A COUNTYWIDE  
17   BASIS TO IMPROVE FOOD AND STAMP UTILIZATION NOT ONLY IN THE  
18   ANTELOPE VALLEY BUT ON A COUNTYWIDE BASIS. AND I HAVE NO  
19   PROBLEM WITH ACCEPTING THAT AMENDMENT.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION ON THAT, SO  
22   ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL RIGHT.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IS THIS ON ITEM NUMBER 96?

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ON ITEM NUMBER 96.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. AFTER THEY'RE DONE, I DID HAVE  
4    ONE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO READ IN BUT I'LL WAIT UNTIL  
5    THEY'RE DONE.

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT WE ARE GOING TO-- IS IT MY  
8    UNDERSTANDING, IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MR. KNABE TO CONTINUE  
9    THE ITEM. BUT, PLEASE, GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO ADDRESS THIS  
10    ITEM. DR. JOHNSON-- WHO WANTS TO START?

11

12    **DR. EDWARDS:** DR. EDWARDS.

13

14    **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE.

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16    **DR. EDWARDS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR  
17    GIVING US A FEW MOMENTS OF YOUR TIME. I'D JUST LIKE TO GIVE  
18    YOU A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND ON MYSELF AND THEN THIS ISSUE.  
19    I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS. I DID MY  
20    INTERNSHIP AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. DOWNTOWN, A RESIDENCY IN  
21    EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT HARBOR U.C.L.A., AND THEN, FOR THE LAST  
22    25 YEARS, HAVE BEEN PRACTICING IN THE COMMUNITY AND SERVING  
23    COMMUNITY HOSPITALS SUCH AS DANIEL FREEMAN IN ENGLEWOOD,  
24    MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE VALLEY AND PANORAMA CITY AND  
25    MIDWAY HOSPITAL IN THE MID CITIES AREA. OVER THE LAST 10 OR 15



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1 YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN A HUGE EROSION IN THE QUALITY OF EMERGENCY  
2 SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE. WE REFER TO THE EMERGENCY  
3 DEPARTMENTS AS THE SAFETY NET FOR ALL PATIENTS SINCE WE SEE  
4 THEM REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY OR WHATEVER THEIR  
5 PROBLEM IS AND DO OUR BEST TO STABILIZE THEM. JUST THIS YEAR  
6 ALONE, ALREADY FIVE HOSPITALS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE  
7 CLOSED AND CLOSED THEIR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. THREE OF THOSE  
8 HAVE CLOSED IN L.A. COUNTY. SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR,  
9 CENTURY CITY HOSPITAL HAS CLOSED. SANTA TERESITA HOSPITAL HAS  
10 CLOSED AND NOW, WITHIN THIS MONTH, MONROVIA HOSPITAL HAS  
11 CLOSED. THEY ARE ALL CLOSING BECAUSE THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS  
12 TERRIBLY, TERRIBLY UNDERFUNDED AND WE ARE TRYING TO DEAL WITH  
13 A EVER-INCREASING MANDATE TO CARE FOR MORE PATIENTS, TO DEAL  
14 WITH RETROFIT ISSUES AND THE DOWNSIZING OF COUNTY HOSPITAL.  
15 THE SYSTEM IS SO UNDERFUNDED THAT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT,  
16 WITHIN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PAYS THE  
17 49TH WORST PAYMENT SCHEDULE OUT OF THE 50 STATES. OUR NURSES  
18 ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND WE ARE ALSO RATED 49TH OUT OF 50 IN  
19 THE AMOUNT OF NURSES WE HAVE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH  
20 THEIR DEFICIT, HAS CUT BACK THE MEDI-CARE PROGRAM AND THAT  
21 LEADS US TO A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THE  
22 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES WILL NOT BE THERE FOR  
23 THOSE THAT NEED IT AT TIMES WHEN THEY ARE SICK. THIS OBVIOUSLY  
24 INCLUDES CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS. THIS INITIATIVE HAS  
25 BEEN SPONSORED BY CALIFORNIA CITIZENS, 900,000 HAVE SIGNED



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1 THIS PETITION AS WELL AS THE DOCTORS, NURSES, PARAMEDICS, AND  
2 FIREFIGHTERS ALL OVER CALIFORNIA HAVE ENDORSED THIS. AND WE  
3 COME BEFORE YOU TODAY AND RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU ENDORSE  
4 THIS INITIATIVE AS WELL AS ONE OF OUR LAST HOPES TO CONTINUE  
5 TO PROVIDE SAFETY NET FUNDING AND SAFETY NET CARE TO OUR  
6 PATIENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **DR. DANIEL HIGGINS:** THANK YOU FOR THESE SEVERAL MINUTES. I'M  
11 DR. DANIEL HIGGINS. I'M AN EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN AT SAINT  
12 FRANCES MEDICAL CENTER INNER CITY HOSPITAL. I'M ALSO  
13 PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
14 WHO ALSO ENDORSES THIS INITIATIVE. WE ARE YOUR PARTNERS IN  
15 HEALTHCARE, THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE SEE 91% OF THE EMERGENCY  
16 CARE, 54% OF THE TRAUMA CARE AND 35% OF ALL THE UNINSURED CARE  
17 THAT'S ADMITTED IN THIS COUNTY. WE DESPERATELY NEED THIS  
18 INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING TO PROVIDE THAT CARE. WE  
19 NEED TO BOLSTER THIS TO SAVE THE EMERGENCY CARE SYSTEM IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY. I'LL JUST END BY GIVING YOU AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT  
21 DESPERATE STRAITS WE'RE IN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SAINT  
22 FRANCES INNER CITY HOSPITAL, THE LARGEST PRIVATE TRAUMA CENTER  
23 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'RE DOWN TO ONE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON,  
24 ONE HAND SURGEON, AND ORTHOPEDICS IS NEEDED SO VITALLY IN THE  
25 INNER CITY BECAUSE OF THE TRAUMA AND THE FALLS, ET CETERA,



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1 WHERE ONE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON IS WORKING EVERY DAY, EVERY  
2 NIGHT, EVERY WEEKEND. LAST NIGHT, I WAS IN THE EMERGENCY  
3 DEPARTMENT AT 1:00 IN THE MORNING AND I WAS AGAIN CALLING HIM  
4 AT HOME REGARDING A YOUNG BOY THAT FELL DOWN AND BROKE HIS  
5 ELBOW. IT'S A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE DESPERATE NEED WE HAVE TO  
6 SAVE THIS SYSTEM BY PASSING THIS. I URGE YOU TO ENDORSE IT.  
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **BRIAN JOHNSTON:** MY NAME IS BRIAN JOHNSTON, I'M AN EMERGENCY  
10 PHYSICIAN. I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING IN LOS ANGELES SINCE 1973. I  
11 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, EVEN THOUGH THIS  
12 MATTER HAS BEEN CONTINUED. I DON'T WANT TO EMBELLISH TOO MUCH  
13 ON WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN SAID. IT'S ALL TRUE. BUT THE FACT OF  
14 THE MATTER IS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND TRAUMA CENTERS ARE  
15 GOING BROKE IN CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO OSPED DATA, AT A RATE  
16 OF \$500 MILLION PER YEAR. THAT IS UNSUSTAINABLE. EMERGENCY  
17 DEPARTMENTS AND TRAUMA CENTERS ARE OFTEN THE ONLY DOOR OPEN  
18 FOR THE UNINSURED, FOR THE UNDERINSURED, AND FOR PEOPLE WHO  
19 HAPPEN TO GET ILL OR INJURED AT INCONVENIENT TIMES. I WOULD  
20 LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF  
21 HEALTH SERVICES IS PREDICTING A 577-MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET  
22 SHORTFALL FOR 2006. I UNDERSTAND THAT IS UNAVOIDABLE AND I  
23 UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY IS CUTTING BACK ON ITS SERVICES BUT  
24 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE AN  
25 ACTION SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE WHICH WILL, IN FACT, BRING



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1 NEW MONEY INTO THE SYSTEM. I DON'T THINK I CAN STRESS ANY MORE  
2 FORCEFULLY THAN THE PREVIOUS TWO SPEAKERS HOW IMPORTANT THAT  
3 COULD BE. SO WE URGE YOU TO DO SO, I DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE  
4 CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5 MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE  
8 HERE TODAY. MR. KNABE DID NEED TO LEAVE EARLY TODAY, SO WE  
9 RESPECTED HIS CONTINUANCE, BUT THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD-- HEARD  
10 NEXT WEEK. I KNOW I'M SUPPORTIVE OF IT AND I HOPE WE CAN FIND  
11 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WILL SUPPORT IT AS WELL BECAUSE IT IS AN  
12 IMPORTANT MEASURE. WE DO NEED TO BRING MONEY INTO OUR SYSTEM.  
13 SO I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IT WILL BE HEARD NEXT WEEK AND  
14 HOPEFULLY YOU CAN TAKE TIME OUT FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO  
15 JOIN US AT THAT TIME BUT I APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO SHARE YOUR  
16 CONCERNS ON THIS ITEM.

17

18 **DR. DANIEL HIGGINS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, THAT  
21 ITEM WILL NOW BE CONTINUED.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, MR. YAROSLAVSKY?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANTED-- I'M NOT GOING TO READ IT IN,  
3 IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, BUT, JUST TO SUMMARIZE, I WANT TO  
4 PLACE ON THE JUNE 29TH AGENDA, WHICH IS TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY,  
5 THE MATTER OF THE PLACEMENT OF A HALF CENT SALES TAX NOVEMBER  
6 2004 BALLOT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. THIS IS RELATING TO  
7 SHERIFF BACA'S INITIATIVE DRIVE AND THE MOTION IS BEING  
8 CIRCULATED AND HAS ALL THE BACKGROUND AND I WANTED TO JUST GET  
9 IT ON THE AGENDA AS A SPECIAL ORDER FOR THE 29TH AT 11 A.M.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ON THE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH, SPECIALS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE  
15 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAY CHARLES, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST  
16 WEEK. RAY WAS ONE OF OUR FEATURED ENTERTAINERS AT MY ANNUAL  
17 FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL AT BONELLI PARK, WHICH JOHNNY OTIS AND I  
18 INITIATED ABOUT 12 YEARS AGO, AND, BACK IN 1999, HE WAS OUR  
19 FEATURE PERFORMER. WE REALLY APPRECIATED HIS ENTERTAINING.  
20 EVERYBODY LOVED HIM VERY MUCH AND, AS WAS STATED, HE STARTED  
21 AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, AND WHAT WAS INTERESTING IS THAT HE KEPT  
22 GOING RIGHT TO THE END. AND WE REALLY ARE INDEBTED FOR HIS  
23 CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC. ALSO MOVE IN MEMORY OF EVALINN EAVES  
24 SCOTT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN  
25 MANY MEMBERS. SHE WAS THE WIFE OF ATTORNEY VINCENT SCOTT, AND





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1 NIECE OF OUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RAY SCHAEUR OF CALIFORNIA  
2 AND COUSIN OF RETIRED PRESIDING JUSTICE RICHARD SCHAEUR, THE  
3 CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO  
4 DAUGHTERS AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT-  
5 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO A. A. "ARCH" R. WICKS FROM THE SAN  
6 FERNANDO VALLEY, MERLE E. "DUKE" ASHMORE, WHO WAS QUITE ACTIVE  
7 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE SUNLAND  
8 MASONIC LODGE AS WELL AND A WORLD WAR II VETERAN. CATHERINE  
9 ROSE BEVANDA. SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND, MATTHEW BEVANDA, WERE  
10 CO-FOUNDERS OF THE BRESSI AND BEVANDA UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION  
11 WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF MUCH OF NORTHERN  
12 AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THROUGH THE YEARS. IONA BROWN, THE  
13 CELEBRATED BRITISH VIOLINIST WHO LED LOS ANGELES CHAMBER  
14 ORCHESTRA FROM 1987 THROUGH 1992. ERDINE CURTIS, LONG-TIME  
15 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT FROM SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SHE IS  
16 SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN, INCLUDING HER YOUNGEST SON, WHO  
17 IS OUR CAPTAIN OF THE SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION, THAT'S  
18 CAPTAIN JAMES CURTIS, AND SHE LEAVES 18 GRANDCHILDREN AND 18  
19 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SAMUEL  
20 LEE FLETCHER, WHO WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,  
21 INVOLVED WITH HIS CHURCH, CHURCH OF CHRIST AND WITH THE  
22 BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
23 BERNICE, AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. LEONARD MCROSKEY, WHO IS A  
24 FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
25 AND ALSO WAS INVOLVED IN RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE



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1 NAVY'S DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD, AND HAD RAN FOR THE  
2 CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE BACK-- AS A REPUBLICAN BACK IN 1992.  
3 SISTER RITA JOSEPH RUSSELL, WHO PASSED AWAY JUNE ON 10TH. SHE  
4 IS A SISTER OF THE ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET AND SHE WAS--  
5 RECEIVED HER VOWS ON MARCH 19TH, 1940, 44 YEARS AGO. VICTORIA  
6 JOUROYAN, WHO WAS A LONG-TIME GLENDALE BUSINESSWOMAN. ALSO,  
7 SHE WAS ACTIVE IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE GLENDALE  
8 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN  
9 HOLLYWOOD, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER AND SON. AND A  
10 GOOD FRIEND WHO WAS ONCE MY POLLSTER, AND THAT'S BOB TEETER,  
11 WHO WAS POLLSTER FOR NBC, "WALL STREET JOURNAL" NETWORK ALONG  
12 WITH PRESIDENT BUSH AND DID POLLING FOR ME AS WELL. HE PASSED  
13 AWAY AT A YOUNG AGE OF 65 FROM CANCER BUT HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS  
14 ABILITY TO-- DATA FOR HIS CARE IN WORDING QUESTIONS ON POLLS  
15 TO OBTAIN VALID RESULTS. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
16 ELIZABETH, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, KATIE AND JOHN. ASK THAT WE  
17 ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORIES.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED ON IONA BROWN.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, I DO. OKAY. I'LL CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 2.  
2   THIS WAS THE ITEM THAT WE HAD PUT ON THE AGENDA AND THAT WAS  
3   TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY...

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S ITEM 10.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DID I SAY, ITEM 2?

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, YOU DID. THAT WAS THE SMOKING ON BEACHES.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NUMBER 10 AND THIS WAS THE ITEM WHICH  
12   WE PLACED BEFORE THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE  
13   OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE WHETHER TO CHANGE THE SEAL OR LEAVE THE  
14   SEAL AS IT IS. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE DAILY NEWS HAD  
15   CONDUCTED A POLL A COUPLE WEEKS AGO IN WHICH THEY FOUND 94% OF  
16   THE PEOPLE WERE OPPOSED TO CHANGING THE SEAL. NBC NEWS ALSO  
17   HAD CONDUCTED A POLL A WEEK AGO IN WHICH THEY FOUND  
18   APPROXIMATELY 96 OF THE PEOPLE-- PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WERE  
19   OPPOSED TO CHANGING THAT SEAL. WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY IS  
20   AN ATTEMPT TO REWRITE HISTORY, TO YIELD TO THE DEMANDS OF A  
21   PRESSURE GROUP, WHICH-- WE COULD CALL THEM THE ANTI-CIVIL  
22   LIBERTIES UNION, WHO HAD AN ATTEMPT TO USE BULLYING TACTICS TO  
23   CHANGE THIS SEAL. AS WE HAD LEGAL OPINIONS WRITTEN BY A LAW  
24   PROFESSOR FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AND A COUPLE OTHER LEGAL  
25   FOUNDATIONS INDICATED THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS NEVER TAKEN A



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1 POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. IN FACT, THERE WAS A CASE LAST WEEK  
2 11TH DISTRICT IN RICHMOND THAT SUPPORTED THE CROSS IN THEIR  
3 SEAL AND WE ALSO HAD THE AUSTIN VERSUS MURRAY DECISION THAT  
4 OCCURRED IN TEXAS WHERE THE CROSS WAS ALLOWED IN THEIR SEAL  
5 BECAUSE IT WAS HISTORIC. AND THAT'S ALL THAT THE COUNTY SEAL  
6 REFLECTS, THAT IT IS HISTORIC. WE TALK ABOUT NOT CHANGING ANY  
7 OF THE SEALS UNTIL THEY HAVE TO BE REPLACED. WELL, THIS COUNTY  
8 JUST SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$2,800 FOR THESE TWO SEALS UP ON THE  
9 WALL AND I WOULD ASSUME THAT THOSE SEALS ARE GOING TO BE THERE  
10 THROUGH THE NEXT EARTHQUAKE OR WHATEVER DISASTER OCCURS AND  
11 IT'S NOT GOING TO WEAR OUT IN ANY OF OUR LIFETIMES AND TO HAVE  
12 SOMEBODY TAKE A LADDER UP THERE AND ERASE THAT OR DO WHATEVER  
13 MAKES NO SENSE. THAT TIME AND ENERGY WOULD BE BETTER IF WE  
14 WOULD SPEND THAT ON OTHER PROGRAMS, BE IT PUBLIC SAFETY,  
15 LIBRARIES, AND OTHERS. I'M QUITE SURPRISED THAT THERE WAS LACK  
16 OF RESPECT, IN FACT, VERY DISRESPECTFUL-- DISRESPECTFUL THAT,  
17 WHEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS BOARD WOULD LIKED TO HAVE DISCUSSED  
18 THIS ISSUE AND ASKED THAT IT BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF  
19 HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUE, THAT  
20 HE DID NOT HAVE THE COURTESY TO HAVE THIS ISSUE CONTINUED FOR  
21 ONE WEEK SO HE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPRESS HIS POINT OF VIEW AS  
22 WELL. BUT ANOTHER SYMBOL THAT THIS COUNTY HOUSED IS THE STAR  
23 OF DAVID. THAT STAR OF DAVID IS ON EVERY OFFICER IN LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CHEST, AND THAT REFLECTS  
25 MOSES AND THE LAW OF MOSES AND THEY ARE THE ENFORCER OF THE



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1 LAW. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE A.C.L.U. WOULD NOT NOW WANT TO  
2 CHANGE THE SHERIFF'S BADGE OR CHANGE ANY OF THE NAMES THAT WE  
3 HAVE OF OUR VARIOUS CITIES AND STREETS WITHIN THIS COUNTY AND  
4 STATE. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS NAMED AFTER THE ANGELS.  
5 IT WAS NAMED THE CITY OF-- THE COUNTY OF THE ANGELS AND OUR  
6 FIRST CITY THAT OCCURRED AFTER WE WERE INCORPORATED AND THEN  
7 OUR FIRST CITY THAT BECAME INCORPORATED ALSO USED THE NAME  
8 "LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF THE ANGELS." SO THE FACT IS, WE ARE  
9 REFLECTING A HISTORICAL FACT. WE ARE NOT INTERJECTING RELIGION  
10 INTO THE AGENDA. BUT WHAT THE A.C.L.U. IS ATTEMPTING TO DO IS  
11 TO INTERJECT A FORM OF SECULAR HUMANISM THAT HAS NOT BEEN A  
12 PART OF THIS HISTORY'S FOUNDING OR IN ANY WAY PART OF OUR  
13 HISTORICAL ROOTS. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD A FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND  
14 THE FIRST AMENDMENT SPECIFICALLY SAYS THE CONGRESS DOES NOT--  
15 WILL NOT PROHIBIT THE FREE EXERCISE OF. IT DOESN'T SAY THAT IT  
16 WILL PREVENT ANY FORM OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS BECAUSE, GOING BACK  
17 TO THE FOUNDING, IT WAS A RABBI AND A PRIEST THAT LED THE  
18 BENEDICTION AND INVOCATION OF OUR FIRST PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT  
19 WASHINGTON, AND IT WAS PRESIDENT JEFFERSON WHO ATTENDED CHURCH  
20 SERVICES EVERY WEEK IN THE HALLS OF THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH ACTED AS A CHURCH FOR ABOUT THE FIRST  
22 50 TO 60 YEARS OF THIS-- HISTORY'S FOUNDING BECAUSE THEY  
23 DIDN'T HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH FACILITY. AND, IF YOU LOOK AT OUR  
24 GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, BE IT THE SUPREME COURT OR THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES, THE UNITED STATES SENATE OR THE OTHER



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1 BUILDINGS, YOU WILL FIND BIBLICAL VERSUS THROUGHOUT THEIR  
2 BUILDINGS. IN FACT, EVEN THEIR NEWER BUILDINGS HAS "IN GOD WE  
3 TRUST" AT THE U.S. SENATE-- WHEN YOU WALK INTO THE U.S. SENATE  
4 BUILDING CARVED ON THEIR WALLS. SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FROM  
5 THE A.C.L.U. TO INTERJECT THEIR POLITICAL AGENDA AT THE  
6 EXPENSE OF WHAT THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS HAVE ALWAYS WANTED,  
7 AND THAT WAS TO HAVE THE RESPECT OF AND NOT FROM AND NOT A  
8 REWRITING OF HISTORY, BUT REFLECTING AS TO WHAT HAPPENED AND  
9 THOSE ARE HISTORICAL ROOTS. SO THE REASON ALLOWING THE PEOPLE  
10 TO VOTE ON THIS GIVES THE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR  
11 TWO CENTS INSTEAD OF HAVING THREE INDIVIDUALS REWRITE HISTORY.

12 [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WISH  
15 TO BE ADDRESSED ON THIS ITEM. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL LIMIT IT  
16 TO A MINUTE, I GUESS WE'RE DOING? IS THAT WHAT WE DID? ALL  
17 RIGHT. YOLANDA PORTO, IF SHE WOULD JOIN US. KEITH HARDINE, AND  
18 MARILYN MABBETT, AND I THINK WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL CHAIR FOR  
19 LORRAINE MABBETT. IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE. PLEASE PROCEED.  
20 WERE THE OTHER PEOPLE NOT HERE? YOU'RE MISS PORTO AND KEITH  
21 HARDINE?

22

23 **KEITH HARDINE:** YES.

24





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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE MARILYN MABBETT NOT HERE? LORRAINE MABBETT?

2    OH, OKAY. VERY GOOD. PLEASE, MISS PORTO.

3

4    **YOLANDA PORTO:** THIS IS YOLANDA PORTO. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND

5    I SPOKE ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM THAT

6    WE HAVE TO DO WHAT WE WANT WITH RELIGION. WE CAN EITHER

7    BELIEVE OR NOT BELIEVE AND WE CAN EXPRESS OR NOT EXPRESS AS WE

8    WISH. I WROTE A LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUGGESTING

9    ALSO THAT THIS BECOME AN ISSUE ON A BALLOT SINCE WE COULD NOT

10   GET AN ANSWER FROM THE SUPERVISORS ALONE. I THANK MR.

11   ANTONOVICH FOR INTRODUCING THIS ISSUE AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO

12   SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS PORTO. MR. HARDINE?

15

16   **KEITH HARDINE:** THANK YOU, BOARD, FOR YOUR PATIENCE WITH THE

17   PUBLIC AS WELL. I NOTICE QUITE PROFESSIONAL WORK HERE. BUT I

18   WANTED TO SAY, BASICALLY, IF GOVERNMENTS, AT LEAST IN THIS

19   CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC, TRULY ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN,

20   DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED, I

21   THINK IT'S A LOGICAL ASSUMPTION TO PLACE THE DECISION TO ALTER

22   THE COUNTY SEAL, WHICH IS ACTUALLY TO REMOVE THE CROSS, TO THE

23   VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 2004,

24   BALLOT. IN THE WORDS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON, "TRUTH CAN STAND BY

25   ITSELF. REASON AND PERSUASION ARE ITS ONLY PRACTICAL



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1 INSTRUMENTS. TO MAKE WAY FOR THESE, FREE INQUIRY MUST BE  
2 INDULGED, AND HOW CAN WE WISH OTHERS TO INDULGE IT WHILE WE  
3 REFUSE IT OURSELVES?" AND, BASICALLY, I'M AT-- ON ANOTHER NOTE  
4 OF YESTERDAY'S DECISION WITH THE-- CONCERNING THE PLEDGE OF  
5 ALLEGIANCE, JUSTICE O'CONNOR STATES THAT "CERTAIN CEREMONIAL  
6 REFERENCES TO GOD AND RELIGION IN OUR NATION ARE THE  
7 INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE RELIGIOUS HISTORY THAT GAVE  
8 BIRTH TO OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY." THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. COULD CATHERINE MABBETT ALSO JOIN  
12 US. PLEASE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I'M LORRAINE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, WE HAVE LORRAINE, WE HAVE CATHERINE,  
17 AND WE HAVE MARILYN. ARE THEY ALL THREE HERE?

18

19 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** I THINK SHE'S COMING.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. CHRISTINA EDWARDS, PLEASE. IS CHRISTINA  
22 EDWARDS HERE? MISS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. SHE'S NOT HERE? MR.  
23 DAVID WILLS, PLEASE JOIN US. PLEASE PROCEED.

24



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1   **LORRAINE MABBETT:** OKAY. I NOTICE THE PRINTED MEDIA ACCURATELY  
2   QUOTED THE SUPERVISOR WHO CALLED LAST WEEK'S EXPRESSION BY  
3   MINORITIES TOWARDS HER RELIGIOUS FRENZY. THE INACCURACY WAS  
4   WHAT THE SUPERVISOR SAID OF THEIR WORDS AND SENTIMENTS. THAT  
5   IS SUBTERFUGE. NOTICE TO DISTRACT FROM THE TRUE ISSUE AND  
6   POSSIBLY TO DISTRACT FROM THE FACT THAT THE THREE SUPERVISORS  
7   HAD ALREADY MADE THEIR DECISIONS, MADE SECRET AGREEMENTS WITH  
8   THE A.C.L.U. AND THEREFORE HAVE NO ABILITY TO CHANGE THEIR  
9   VOTES. LET ME CLARIFY THE ISSUES. HISTORY IS BEING WRITTEN OR,  
10   RATHER, ELIMINATED. THE PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING REPRESENTED.  
11   THERE'S A THREAT OF A LAWSUIT BY AN ORGANIZATION WHICH I THINK  
12   HAS QUESTIONABLE VALIDITY AND I WONDER IF IT COULD BE LEGALLY  
13   A FORM OF EXTORTION. THE SUIT HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED. THE  
14   A.C.L.U. HAS A HISTORY OF NOT REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE BUT,  
15   RATHER, A WELL THOUGHT-OUT AGENDA OF A FEW TO UNDERMINE THE  
16   JUDEO-CHRISTIAN CULTURE OF THIS NATION AND ITS ANCESTORS AND  
17   DESCENDANTS. AS A CHRISTIAN, I AM NOT THREATENED BY YOU THREE  
18   OR THE A.C.L.U. TO REMOVE THE CROSS, THE WORD GOD, THE TEN  
19   COMMANDMENTS, OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION OF GOD. SCRIPTURE  
20   ACCURATELY DETAILS HISTORICAL EVENTS OF NATIONS AND LEADERS  
21   WHO TRIED TO RAISE GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD YOU FINALIZE YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE?

24



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1   **LORRAINE MABBETT:** YES. AS A PATERNAL SECOND GENERATION  
2   AMERICAN AND A MATERNAL NATIVE AMERICAN, I HAVE A UNIQUE  
3   PERSPECTIVE TO VALUE THE COUNTRY AND THE COST TO MAINTAIN  
4   FREEDOM...

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

7

8   **LORRAINE MABBETT:** ...THROUGH A REPRESENTATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL  
9   GOVERNMENT.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MISS MABBETT? [ APPLAUSE ]

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE, THERE IS NO APPLAUSE AFTER EACH OF THESE  
14   SPEAKERS. COULD WE ASK YOU NOT TO? OTHERWISE WE'RE GOING TO  
15   HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE. THANK YOU. MISS MABBETT.

16

17   **MISS MABBETT:** SPEAKING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN LAST  
18   WEEK'S DEBATE DURING THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS BY SOME MEMBERS OF  
19   THE BOARD, IT WAS NOT FAIR THAT THE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE TO  
20   ALTER THE L.A. COUNTY SEAL WAS A BIT NEUTRALIZING. TO CALL THE  
21   DEBATE AN INQUISITION? YES. ORDINARY AND LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE IN  
22   THE 11TH AND 12TH CENTURIES BEGAN TO ASK AND INQUIRE, WHY AND  
23   WHAT WAS THIS CATHARIE, C-A-T-H-A-R-I-E, DOING, CONFUSING AND  
24   APOSTLIZING PEOPLE AGAINST GOD? THE CATHARIE EVEN INFILTRATED  
25   THE HUGUENOTS, WHO ALSO HELPED THE CATHOLICS KILL CHRISTIANS,



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1 THE CATHARIE KILL CHRISTIANS. LIKEWISE TODAY, WE, TOO, ARE  
2 ASKING WHAT? WHY? TO BE NEUTRALIZED, ALL THESE GOOD PEOPLE ARE  
3 MERCIFUL IN THEIR STANCE FOR GOD, FAMILY, AND COUNTRY, AND IN  
4 THAT ORDER. AND THE PEOPLE LAST WEEK WHO ARE OPPOSED CHANGING  
5 THE L.A. SEAL WERE A FINE GROUP OF LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THANK  
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MISS MABBETT?

9

10 **MISS MABBETT:** YEAH, I WANTED-- LAST WEEK, THEY DIDN'T HAVE US  
11 APPLAUSING, WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO CLAP AND YET THE TIMES TOOK  
12 A PICTURE OF US WITH OUR HANDS IN THE AIR AND SAID WE WERE A  
13 BUNCH OF RELIGIOUS FREAKS WHICH, YOU KNOW, THERE JEWS IN THE  
14 ROOM, THERE WAS ALL DIFFERENT TYPES THAT WERE NOT REPRESENTING  
15 THE CHARISMATIC. SO, RIGHT THERE, THAT BUGS ME. AND THEN, ON  
16 THE REGULAR NEWS, THEY HAD A VERY FEW PICTURE-- THEY HAD A  
17 PICTURE OF VERY FEW OF US IN THE ROOM. SO THE MEDIA, IT'S JUST  
18 INTERESTING HOW THIS IS ALL BEING VERY CONTROLLED. I ASKED  
19 LAST WEEK IF THE A.C.L.U. WAS HERE. I FOUND OUT LATER THAT  
20 THEY WERE IN THE BUILDING. I'M ASKING TODAY, ARE THEY HERE  
21 TODAY?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KEEP TRACK OF THEM.

24



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1 **MISS MABBETT:** YOU DON'T KNOW. OKAY. DID YOU KNOW THAT THEY  
2 WERE HERE LAST WEEK IN THE BUILDING?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S YOUR ISSUE, MA'AM. IT'S NOT MINE. PLEASE  
5 PROCEED.

6

7 **MISS MABBETT:** OKAY. CURRENT, WE HAVE A SEAL-CHANGING ISSUE  
8 HERE IN L.A. NATIONALLY, WE HAVE "IN GOD WE TRUST" ISSUES. IN  
9 SUNDAY'S NEWS, THE NAME OF LOS ANGELES, THEY HAD AN ARTICLE,  
10 IS IT TOO DIVINE? WHEN IS IT GOING TO STOP?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **MISS MABBETT:** OKAY. MOLINA, YOU ASKED LAST WEEK WHERE THE  
15 PUBLIC WAS ON OTHER ISSUES WHEN YOU GUYS ARE MEETING. WE ARE  
16 BUSY PAYING TAXES ON TAXES. WE VOTE YOU IN TO DO A CERTAIN JOB  
17 BUT WHEN IT COMES TO A POINT THAT ENOUGH'S ENOUGH, YES, WE  
18 TAKE OFF WORK AND WE COME DOWN. SO...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE?

21

22 **MISS MABBETT:** SUMMARIZE IT IS THAT, IN THE NEXT ELECTION, FOR  
23 YOU AND ZEV, YOU'RE FIRED!

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS MABBETT. NEXT WE HAVE MR.

2    WILLIS... [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I HAVE THE DEPUTY GO OUT THERE AND REMIND

5    THE FOLKS DIRECTLY ABOUT THE APPLAUSE ISSUE? THANK YOU. ALL

6    RIGHT. WE HAVE ERICK WICKLAND. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US, CHRIS

7    SAMANISGO AND KEN SESMA, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

8

9    **DAVID WILLIS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DAVID WILLIS. I WAS HERE LAST

10    WEEK, AND, APART FROM THE MEDIA PORTRAYING US AS A CHRISTIAN

11    FRENZY AND SUPERVISOR BURKE CHARACTERIZING IT AS THAT, THERE

12    WERE JEWS, HINDUS, AGNOSTICS, ATHEISTS HERE AND, I UNDERSTAND,

13    I'M SORRY THAT YOU'VE BEEN CALLED NAMES UNDER THE SUN. IT DOES

14    NOT COME FROM MY POSITION AND THEY DID NOT REPRESENT WHAT I

15    CAME HERE FOR. SO YOU SAID, LET'S REASON. I'M HERE TO REASON.

16    OBVIOUSLY, THE REASON THIS IS-- YOUR DECISIONS ARE COMING DOWN

17    THIS WAY, IS BECAUSE THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE IN THE FIRST

18    AMENDMENT, OBVIOUSLY, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN OPEN TO

19    INTERPRETATION FOR A LONG TIME BUT THE HISTORY BOOKS ARE

20    REALLY BEING REWRITTEN AS WE GO. I HAVE A YOUNG BOY. HE'S NINE

21    YEARS OLD AND IN THE FRONT ROW THERE. I'M TRYING TO TEACH HIM

22    AMERICAN HISTORY BUT IT'S MOVING, IT'S CHANGING THE WHOLE

23    TIME. AND, YOU KNOW, IF YOU ARE TRYING TO PROVE THAT-- THE

24    A.C.L.U. IS TRYING TO PROVE THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON A

25    BUNCH OF ATHEISTS, THEY'VE GOT A HARD TIME. THEY'VE GOT A



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1 TOUGH TIME AHEAD OF THEM BECAUSE, I MEAN, OF THE 56 FOUNDING  
2 FATHERS, 27-- 27 OF THEM HAD SEMINARY DEGREES, 114 BIBLE  
3 SOCIETIES WERE BIRTHED OUT OF THEM. MY POINT IS THIS: IF THAT  
4 GETS TAKEN OFF NEXT WEEK, I SAID TO MY SON-- MY SON SAID TO  
5 ME, "IS THIS A BIG DEAL?" AND I SAID, DO YOU KNOW WHAT? IF IT  
6 GOES OFF NEXT WEEK, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL BUT SOMETIMES YOU GET  
7 CLARITY WHEN YOU EXPLAIN THIS TO A CHILD AND I SAID...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR.

10

11 **DAVID WILLIS:** ...AND I SAID...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU NEED TO FINISH UP YOUR COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **DAVID WILLIS:** I WILL. IT'S A SINGLE COMMENT. IF SOMEONE CAME  
16 ALONG AND TOOK A SINGLE BRICK OUT OF THEIR HOME, IT'S NOT A  
17 BIG DEAL, BUT IF WE DON'T CONTEST THAT, THEN PEOPLE CAN TAKE  
18 MORE AND MORE AND SOON THE WHOLE HOUSE IS GONE. THAT'S THE WAY  
19 I EXPLAINED TO HIM AND PLEASE GET MORE COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. WICKLAND? I WOULD ALSO ASK  
22 MR. BAISLEY TO JOIN US. MR. WICKLAND?

23

24 **ERIC WICKLAND:** YES, I'VE WRITTEN A LETTER OF WHICH I'LL SUPPLY  
25 SIX COPIES TO YOU. AND IT BEGINS, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THE



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1 MAJORITY OF RESPONSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE MOST  
2 RECENT A.C.L.U. ULTIMATUM HAS AMOUNTED IN A VOTE OF NO  
3 CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EXPLANATIONS  
4 OFFERED BY ACQUIESCING BOARD MEMBERS WHICH DEPICT RELIGIOUS  
5 PROTESTERS AS PARTICIPATING IN A SPANISH INQUISITION OR AS JIM  
6 CROW, SOUTHERNERS UNINTERESTED IN CIVIL RIGHTS, ARE NOT ONLY  
7 INSULTING TO THE PEOPLE THE BOARD REPRESENTS BUT ARE SIMPLY  
8 FALSE ANALOGIES. THE HISTORICAL TRUTH IS THAT THE INQUISITION  
9 WAS THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE LEGITIMACY OF CHRISTIANITY AND  
10 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HISTORY WHILE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT  
11 WAS LED BY ONE OF THIS NATION'S MOST REVERED CHRISTIAN  
12 LEADERS. INDEED, THIS RESPONSE RAISES THE QUESTION AS TO JUST  
13 WHAT THE ELECTED LEADERS OF THIS COMMUNITY THINK OF THE PEOPLE  
14 WHOM THEY REPRESENT. A MORE RELEVANT HISTORICAL PARALLEL TO  
15 THE A.C.L.U.'S DEMANDS AND THREATS TOWARD THIS COMMUNITY COULD  
16 BE FOUND IN A 1942 PROPOSAL BY DR. ALFRED ROSENBERG FOR THE  
17 NATIONAL RIGHT CHURCH.

18  
19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. WICKLAND, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR  
20 REMARKS, PLEASE?

21  
22 **ERIC WICKLAND:** YES. INDEED, CONGRESS HAS MADE NO LAWS  
23 ESTABLISHING ANY RELIGION BUT HAS MADE MANY LAWS WHICH ATTEMPT  
24 TO SEPARATE OR EXPUNGE ALL ASPECTS OF RELIGION FROM PUBLIC



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1 INSTITUTIONS AS GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE GROWN  
2 TO ENVELOPE NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. WICKLAND. NEXT, WE HAVE PETER  
5 BAXTER AND KAREN SHAPIRO, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. MR.  
6 SAMANISGO?

7

8 **CHRIS SAMANISGO:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO ASKED BOARD TO PLACE ON  
9 THE NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO  
10 ALTER THE COUNTY SEAL. I'M AGAINST CHANGING THE SEAL TO  
11 REMOVE-- THE REMOVAL OF THE CROSS. IT IS A WASTE OF THE  
12 COUNTY'S MONEY. YOU WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE ALL THE TEMPLATES,  
13 REDO VEHICLES, UNIFORMS, CERTIFICATES, LETTERHEADS, ENVELOPES,  
14 PLAQUES, PATCHES, ET CETERA. YOU WOULD HAVE TO DISCARD ALL THE  
15 EXISTING SAID ITEMS WITH LOGOS, LETTERHEADS, ENVELOPES,  
16 PLAQUES, AND THEREFORE. WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST TO CHANGE  
17 THE SEAL? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST ON THE DISREGARDED ITEMS?  
18 INSTEAD OF WASTING ALL THE MONEY, I BELIEVE EACH DISTRICT, THE  
19 FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD, COULD PUT BETTER USES OF SAID  
20 MONIES. IT COULD GO TOWARDS CHILDREN SERVICES, LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT, TOWARDS CHARITIES AND PREVENTION, PARKS AND  
22 RECREATION, EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, GIVING LOWER LEVEL EMPLOYEES A  
23 SALARY INCREASE IF THAT'S WHAT IT NEEDS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
24 BURKE, AND YAROSLAVSKY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COUNTY OF  
25 LOS ANGELES AND TO THE PEOPLE NOT TO WASTE MONEY. IF



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1 SUPERVISORS MOLINA, BURKE AND YAROSLAVSKY INSIST ON THE  
2 REMOVAL OF THE CROSS AND WASTE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES'  
3 MONEY...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. SAMANISGO, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR  
6 REMARKS, PLEASE?

7

8 **CHRIS SAMANISGO:** ...THEN THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD GIVE THEIR  
9 RESIGNATIONS AS SUPERVISORS OF THEIR DISTRICT. ALSO, WHAT ARE  
10 YOUR...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. SAMANISGO. NEXT, WE'D LIKE TO BE  
13 JOINED BY MICHAEL CHACON. MR. SESMA, YOU'RE NEXT.

14

15 **KEN SESMA:** YES. MY NAME IS KEN SESMA. WE, THE PEOPLE, I AM  
16 HERE TO SUPPORT MIKE ANTONOVICH'S MEASURE TO PUT THIS BEFORE  
17 THE BALLOT. LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. THE POLLS SHOW THAT THE  
18 PEOPLE ARE FOR KEEPING THE CROSS ON THE COUNTY SEAL. THE  
19 DECISION IS WITH YOU THREE AT THIS POINT. DO YOU WANT TO BE  
20 RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING TO GO THROUGH PUTTING THIS MEASURE ON  
21 THE BALLOT? THAT'S ONE WAY TO WASTE THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY  
22 BECAUSE THE POLLS SHOW THAT THE PEOPLE ARE IN FAVOR OF KEEPING  
23 THE CROSS ON THE COUNTY SEAL. WITH ALL THE ISSUES THAT WERE  
24 BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, DIFFERENT ISSUES, WHETHER  
25 SMOKING ON THE BEACH OR NOT AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AND WHERE



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1 ARE WE GOING WITH THIS, WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH THIS? WHY DO  
2 WE HAVE TO REMOVE THE CROSS? IS IT HURTING ANYBODY? IS THE  
3 SMOKE BLOWING DOWNWIND AND HURTING EVERYONE? YOU KNOW,  
4 CHRISTIANITY IS GOOD FOR AMERICA. THE BELIEF IN GOD AND FAITH  
5 IS GOOD FOR THIS COUNTRY AND FOR THIS COUNTY. WE HAVE NOTHING  
6 TO LOSE BY TO KEEP THE CROSS AND DON'T COWER TO THE A.C.L.U.,  
7 YOU KNOW? WHERE'S THE FAD IN ALL THIS, YOU KNOW? WHAT-- IS IT  
8 BECAUSE IT'S POLITICALLY CORRECT? DON'T DO IT. STAND FOR THE  
9 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. SESMA. IS MR. CHACON HERE? YOU'RE  
12 MR. CHACON? THANK YOU. COULD WE ALSO HAVE LADY CAGE- BARILE  
13 ALSO JOIN US. MR. BAXTER, YOU'RE NEXT.

14

15 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
16 MISS HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
17 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED IT IS  
18 INEFFECTIVE TO PLACE THIS ISSUE ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE, EITHER  
19 WAY THE VOTE TURNS OUT, NOTHING CHANGES BECAUSE OF THAT  
20 PROPOSED VOTE. A VOTE CANNOT ACCOMPLISH ANY PURPOSE BECAUSE A  
21 VOTE IS UNABLE TO OVERTURN A DECISION BY THE COURTS. THE  
22 SPONSOR OF THIS MOTION HAS NAMED A COURTHOUSE AFTER HIMSELF.  
23 NAMING A COURTHOUSE FOR ONESELF IS, I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT, AN  
24 AFFRONT TO OUR HERITAGE. ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY  
25 SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. MISS SHAPIRO.

3

4 **KAREN SHAPIRO:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE COME  
5 HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT YOU ALLOW THE OVER FIVE MILLION PEOPLE  
6 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD BY VOTING ON  
7 THIS HISTORIC ITEM. OUR SEAL, LIKE OUR BEACHES OR PARKS, ARE  
8 NOT YOUR INHERITANCE TO DESTROY. THEY ARE IN YOUR PROTECTIVE  
9 CARE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANGELINOS. I COME HERE IN THE  
10 NAME OF MY FOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE JEWISH. MY GRADUATING EIGHTH  
11 GRADER BROUGHT ME HIS HISTORY BOOK LAST NIGHT SO WE COULD READ  
12 THE CONSTITUTION TOGETHER AND FIND THE WORDS: SEPARATION OF  
13 CHURCH AND STATE. INSTEAD, WE FOUND THAT CONGRESS CANNOT  
14 CREATE A CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THE PEOPLE ARE  
15 FREE TO WORSHIP AS THEY WISH, WHICH SEVERAL CONSTITUTIONAL  
16 SCHOLARS SAY THAT USING THE SYMBOLS THAT REPRESENT-- USING  
17 SYMBOLS, RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS REPRESENT OUR RELIGIOUS HISTORY.  
18 THERE ARE MANY INTERPRETATIONS. AT THE VERY LEAST, IT SHOULD  
19 BE DEBATED IN THE COURT BUT YOU'VE ALREADY SAID "NO" TO A  
20 FIGHT IN COURT. YOU WILL NOT CHALLENGE THE A.C.L.U., EVEN AT  
21 NO COST TO THE PEOPLE. YOU DO NOT WISH TO DEBATE BECAUSE, AS  
22 YOU MADE IT CLEAR LAST WEEK, YOUR AGENDA IS AT ONE WITH THE  
23 A.C.L.U. WE ASK THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF OPINION...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR MARKS, PLEASE?



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2 **KAREN SHAPIRO:** YES. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR THREE OPINIONS HELD  
3 IN SUPERIORITY TO OUR OPINIONS. YOU ARE NOT JUDGES, YOU ARE  
4 NOT CONGRESS, AND NO ONE IS ESTABLISHING A RELIGION HERE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS SHAPIRO. BEFORE I CALL MR.  
7 CHACON, COULD WE HAVE BURT FLESHMAN JOIN US AS WELL AS ROBERT  
8 KERLACO. ARE THEY HERE? ALL RIGHT. PLEASE, MR. CHACON.

9

10 **MICHAEL CHACON:** OKAY. I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION-- OR, ACTUALLY,  
11 A COUPLE QUESTIONS. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO OBTAIN A COPY OF  
12 THIS LETTER THAT THE A.C.L.U. WROTE TO THE COUNTY THREATENING  
13 THIS LAWSUIT?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, YOU CAN, SIR.

16

17 **MICHAEL CHACON:** OKAY. ALSO, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET  
18 A COPY OF THE VIDEOTAPE FROM THE JUNE 1ST MEETING WHERE THIS  
19 WAS FIRST INTRODUCED? I KNOW THAT IT'S AVAILABLE BUT WHAT...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK YOU CAN GO TO...

22

23 **MICHAEL CHACON:** WELL, WHAT I'M GOING TO ASK FOR NOW IS THIS:  
24 WOULD THE BOARD ENTERTAIN MY REQUEST TO WAIVE THE 25-DOLLAR  
25 FEE? I JUST SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD IT. IT'S TOO HIGH. THAT'S VERY



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1 EXPENSIVE FOR A VIDEOTAPE. I COULD AFFORD TO COVER THE COST OF  
2 WHAT THE TAPE COSTS BUT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WAIVE IT?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** START THE TIME. WE'RE NOT NEGOTIATING THIS HERE.  
5 YOU CAN GO INTO THE OFFICE AND MAKE A REQUEST. PLEASE PROCEED  
6 AND SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **MICHAEL CHACON:** ALL RIGHT. I'VE CREATED A WEBSITE AND AN EMAIL  
9 ADDRESS WHERE PEOPLE COULD CONTACT ME ABOUT THIS THAT ARE IN  
10 SUPPORT OF NOT ALTERING THE CROSS ON THE COUNTY SEAL.  
11 SOMETHING THAT-- I WENT TO THE A.C.L.U. WEBSITE AND THEY SAY  
12 THAT THESE RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS VIOLATE THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE  
13 OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION BUT WE KNOW THAT THE  
14 ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE SIMPLY SAYS THAT CONGRESS MAY NOT MAKE  
15 ANY LAWS RESPECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION. CONGRESS IS  
16 NOT MAKING ANY LAWS HERE BUT THE A.C.L.U. IS USING A TWISTED  
17 VERSION OF THE WORDS TO REQUEST THAT SOMEBODY MAKE A LAW ABOUT  
18 AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION. AND I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE  
19 A.C.L.U. ONCE AGAIN THAT, IN THAT CONSTITUTION, THE FRAMERS  
20 SIGNED IT "IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD". NOW, IS THAT  
21 CONSTITUTIONAL OR NOT? THAT'S IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS  
22 OF THE STATE, WHICH THEY PROBABLY ALSO WILL BE USING TO  
23 ATTEMPT TO FORCE THIS ISSUE. OUR CONSTITUTION THAT INVOKES GOD  
24 IN THE PREAMBLE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHACON.

2

3    **MICHAEL CHACON:** MY E-MAIL IS KEEPCROSS@YAHOO.COM SO ANYBODY  
4    WHO'S INTERESTED IN HELPING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT WE HAVE-- IF WE COULD BE JOINED BY YVONNE  
7    MICHELLE AUTRY, PLEASE. MISS BARILE?

8

9    **LADY CAGE-BARILE:** MY NAME IS LADY CAGE- BARILE AND I FIRST  
10    WANT TO SAY IS THAT MS. MOLINA AND MS. BURKE AND ZEV, YOU ALL  
11    HAVE FORCED THE COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD JUST AS WE WERE  
12    FORCED TO VOTE ON PROPOSITION 22 TO LET YOU KNOW HOW WE STAND.  
13    WE ARE LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE FOR THE CROSS STAYING ON  
14    THE SEAL AND, ALSO, JUST AS IT WAS INITIATED FOR GOVERNOR  
15    DAVIS TO BE RECALLED, YOU THREE CAN BE RECALLED AS WELL. AND  
16    IF THOSE THAT ARE INITIATING THE LAWSUIT THAT-- AGAINST YOU  
17    ALL FOR TAKING THE CROSS OUT, THEN, BELIEVE ME, THE BLACK  
18    COMMUNITY AND THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY,  
19    EVERYBODY ELSE WILL BE IN FAVOR OF RECALLING ALL THREE OF YOU.  
20    ALSO, REGARDING THE-- REGARDING MR. ANTONOVICH AND KNABE,  
21    THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING MEN AND STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS  
22    RIGHT FOR OUR CALIFORNIA AND THE COMMUNITY FOR WHICH WE VOTED  
23    FOR YOU TO REPRESENT US IN THIS COMMUNITY. [ SCATTERED  
24    APPLAUSE ]

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1 **LADY CAGE-BARILE:** I AM SO-- YOU HAVE DISAPPOINTED US, YVONNE,  
2 YOUR SPIRIT IS GONE. AND SO IS YOURS, IT'S GONE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE MR. FLESHMAN.  
5 YES, PLEASE PROCEED.

6

7 **MR. FLESHMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BURT FLESHMAN AND I  
8 CONSIDER IT REALLY A PRIVILEGE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS OF THE LARGEST COUNTY IN 42 STATES, LARGER THAN 42  
10 STATES, AND I JUST-- I REALLY FEEL HONORED. ALL I HAD TO DO IS  
11 COME AND SIGN MY NAME. AND I JUST URGE YOU TO PUT ON THE  
12 BALLOT THIS VOTE TO REMOVE-- VOTE TO KEEP THE SEAL ON THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT WOULD SAVE A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT  
14 IF THE THREE OF YOU WOULD CHANGE YOUR VOTE, MR. YAROSLAVSKY  
15 AND MS. BURKE AND MS. MOLINA BUT, IF NOT, I URGE YOU TO PUT IT  
16 ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER AND I JUST-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
17 HEARING ME.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WE HAVE IRMAES YAHU. I HOPE  
20 I PRONOUNCED THAT CORRECT, I APOLOGIZE, AND FRANK LANGSTON. IF  
21 THEY WOULD JOIN US. MR. COLLOSO?

22

23 **ROBERT COLLOSO:** MY NAME IS ROBERT COLLOSO. I'M THE VOLUNTEER  
24 NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF CITIZENS FOR A BETTER  
25 AMERICA, WITH THE ACRONYM AND WEB SITE OF CFABA.ORG, THE



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1 INITIALS OF CITIZENS FOR A BETTER AMERICA. OUR NATIONAL  
2 HEADQUARTERS IS IN VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. I SENT YOU ALL, VIA  
3 E-MAIL, A NEWS RELEASE ENTITLED, "COLLOSO TO SPEAK SUPPORTING  
4 ANTONOVICH'S VOTE BY THE PEOPLE REGARDING THE L.A. COUNTY  
5 SEAL. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THAT VIA E-MAIL. IF YOU DID  
6 NOT, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME. SINCE WE ONLY-- I ONLY HAVE A  
7 MINUTE, LET ME JUST QUOTE FROM A SPEECH GIVEN IN 1987. RONALD  
8 REAGAN STOOD IN FRONT OF THE BERLIN WALL AND CHALLENGED  
9 MIKHAIL GORBACHEV TO, QUOTE, "TEAR DOWN THIS WALL", END OF  
10 QUOTE. TODAY I ASK MY NEW COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN TEARING  
11 DOWN THE BARRIERS WE HAVE ERECTED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. IN SHORT, LET'S OPEN UP  
13 COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO THE LIGHT OF THE DAY GIVEN BY THE  
14 HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY ON DECEMBER 5TH, 1994. I DON'T SEE  
15 HOW THE THREE OF YOU CANNOT PUT THIS...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR?

18

19 **ROBERT COLLOSO:** ...PUT THIS ISSUE ON THE BALLOT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **ROBERT COLLOSO:** WITH OUR HELP AND THE HELP OF OUR  
24 ORGANIZATION, WE VOTERS HAVE RECALLED THE GOVERNOR AND WE CAN  
25 DO THE SAME.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MISS AUTRY?

3

4 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER  
5 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. LAST WEEK, I SAID THAT THE  
6 A.C.L.U. HAD SUPPORTED THE NORTH AMERICAN MEN/BOY LOVERS  
7 ASSOCIATION, THAT'S NAMBLA, AND THEIR RIGHT TO ABUSE, MOLEST  
8 AND MURDER OUR CHILDREN. ONE CHILD WAS MURDERED BY HOMOSEXUAL  
9 PEDOPHILES AND A.C.L.U. SUPPORTED THAT ORGANIZATION'S RIGHT TO  
10 DISTRIBUTE THEIR INFORMATION ON THE WEB. OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW,  
11 THE ILLUMINATI, THE PAGAN NEW WORLD ORDER TRILATERALISTS ARE  
12 NOT ARGUING THAT NOT ONLY THE PAGAN GODDESS POMONA BE, YOU  
13 KNOW, REMOVED BUT, YOU KNOW, CULTURALLY, IF YOU WANT TO ARGUE  
14 FROM A CULTURAL STANDPOINT INSTEAD OF JUST RELIGIOUS, THE  
15 CROSS BEARS CULTURAL SYMBOLIC VALUE. OKAY? SO IF THEY'RE GOING  
16 TO ARGUE ON THE EQUAL BASIS THAT THE CROSS IS SOMEHOW  
17 RELIGIOUS, THEN THAT WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO ALL THE SYMBOLS  
18 BECAUSE ALL CAN BE ARGUED SOMEHOW, MASONIC SYMBOLS OR PAGAN,  
19 NEW AGE SYMBOLS. SO IT'S SPECIFICALLY ANTI-CHRISTIAN ATTACKS  
20 ON CHRISTIAN BELIEFS. AND THE A.C.L.U. IS CLEARLY ANTI-  
21 CHRISTIAN IN THEIR SUPPORT OF PEDOPHILES. AND, ALSO, LIKE I  
22 SAID, IT'S A NEW-- IT'S A WAVE OF EXTERMINATING OR ERASING ALL  
23 CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO REPLACE ONE  
24 RELIGIOUS ICON WITH ANOTHER, NOT AT ALL.

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MS. AUTRY. MR-- I APOLOGIZE. PRONOUNCE  
2   IT FOR ME.

3

4   **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** MY NAME IS IRMIUS ALAMAYO I'M A MEMBER OF  
5   BOND, THE BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION OF A NEW DESTINY, REVEREND  
6   JESSE LEE PETERSON'S GROUP. WE ARE REBUILDING THE FAMILY BY  
7   REBUILDING THE MAN. THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY IS TO ASK YOU  
8   ALL TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE CROSS ON THE COUNTY SEAL  
9   AND TO VOTE TO DO THAT IN NOVEMBER. I'M A LITTLE BIT DISTURBED  
10   BY THE WAY THE MEETING STARTED TODAY. INITIALLY, WE WERE  
11   SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND THEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT  
12   MR. KNABE HAD TO LEAVE. A LOT OF PEOPLE TOOK TIME OUT FROM  
13   THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE HERE. MANY PEOPLE LEFT AND MS.  
14   MOLINA WANTS THE ROOM CLEARED, YOU DECIDED THAT YOU WERE STILL  
15   GOING TO GO FORWARD AND HAVE THIS HEARING. THAT WAS UNFAIR AND  
16   THAT'S NOT RIGHT.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST HOLD HIS TIME FOR A SECOND BUT I JUST  
19   NEED TO SAY, FOR THE RECORD, THAT IS NOT WHAT HAPPENED AND  
20   SINCE...

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SINCE SO MANY THINGS ARE SAID AROUND  
25   HERE THAT JUST KIND OF GET ON TO THE AIRWAVES AND THEN SHOW UP



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1 ON RADIO AS THOUGH THEY WERE FACT, I THINK WE NEED TO CONFRONT  
2 THE FALSEHOODS WHEN THEY ARISE. WHEN MR. KNABE INDICATED THAT  
3 HE HAD TO LEAVE AND AT THE TIME HE WANTED TO LEAVE, AT 11:00,  
4 HE SAID HE WANTED TO CONTINUE ITEM 10. THERE WAS AN OBJECTION  
5 TO CONTINUING ITEM 10 BY AT LEAST TWO OF US, AND MAYBE THREE  
6 OF US, AND WE NEVER SAID THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE CONTINUED.  
7 NONE OF US DID AND EVEN MR. KNABE...

8

9 **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** MS. MOLINA SAID SO.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. SHE ASKED WHETHER HE WANTED IT CONTINUED  
12 AND SHE WAS ASKING OF THE REST OF US. IT WAS NEVER EVER  
13 CONTINUED.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXACTLY. AND WE NEED TO CLARIFY, WHEN THESE  
16 PEOPLE SIGNED UP THIS MORNING, ONLY TWO PEOPLE ARE NOT HERE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE PROBLEM-- MISS MOLINA...

19

20 **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** BUT HALF THE PEOPLE LEFT THE ROOM ONCE YOU  
21 ALL...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, PART OF THE PROBLEM, MR. ALAMAYO IS,  
24 PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT, WHILE THIS DISCUSSION WAS GOING  
25 ON, AT LEAST ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD KIND OF



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1 GONE BALLISTIC AND HAD TO BE ESCORTED OUT OF HERE. NOW, I WAS  
2 HAVING TROUBLE HEARING WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE. I'M SURE, IF  
3 YOU WERE IN THE AUDIENCE, WHICH YOU WERE, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD  
4 TROUBLE HEARING IT. BUT DON'T CAST ASPERSIONS ON THE CHAIR OF  
5 THIS MEETING, WHICH, IN THAT CASE, IS MS. MOLINA. THERE'S  
6 ENOUGH OF THIS NEFARIOUS CONSPIRACY, CABAL TALK GOING ON IN  
7 THIS TOWN TO LAST ME A LIFETIME AND I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE  
8 AND TAKE IT. SO I JUST WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

9

10 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WITH GOOD REASON, I MIGHT ADD.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL CONTINUE YOUR TIME.  
13 PLEASE PROCEED.

14

15 **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** LET ME JUST ASK, IN THE FUTURE, I THINK IT  
16 WOULD BE-- THE RIGHT THING TO DO WOULD BE TO ANNOUNCE THAT A  
17 MEMBER IS GOING TO BE LEAVING AND THAT ISSUE IS GOING TO BE  
18 POSTPONED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, ESPECIALLY WHEN  
19 2,000 PEOPLE SHOWED UP HERE LAST WEEK. MANY PEOPLE WERE HERE  
20 TODAY TO HEAR ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND IT JUST, IT WASN'T RIGHT.  
21 WHAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS NOT RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVICE. YOUR TIME IS UP.

24

25 **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** CAN I FINISH? WHAT-- HEY! THAT IS NOT FAIR!



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE GAVE YOU THE REMAINING -- SIR...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ASK YOU GIVE HIM 30  
5 SECONDS BECAUSE I DID TAKE...

6

7 **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED.

10

11 **IRMIUS ALAMAYO:** WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO YOU, MS. BURKE, IS  
12 THAT I LIVE IN YOUR DISTRICT. I VOTED FOR YOU, AS DID MANY  
13 BLACK AMERICANS THAT GO TO CHURCH AND, BY VOTING AGAINST THE  
14 CROSS, YOU OFFENDED A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND WHAT I WANT TO TELL  
15 YOU, YOU SAID IT WAS A RELIGIOUS FRENZY LAST WEEK. YOU HAVEN'T  
16 SEEN ANYTHING YET. WE'RE GOING TO VOTE YOU OUT OF OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. LANGSTON.

19

20 **FRANK LANGSTON:** MY NAME IS FRANK LANGSTON. I WAS A COUNTY  
21 EMPLOYEE FOR 31 YEARS. AND YOU HAVE PLANNED TO CHANGE THE  
22 SEAL. DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES NEW PINS AND-- TO  
23 REPLACE THE ONES THAT YOU-- TO REPLACE THE SEAL THAT YOU PLAN  
24 TO CHANGE OR WHAT?

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW, AS IT WAS PASSED, MR.  
2   LANGSTON, IT WOULD BE A TRANSITION. WHEN, IN FACT, THE SEAL IS  
3   CHANGED, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED AS YET, IT WILL BE  
4   TRANSITIONED. AS A UNIFORM WEARS OUT AND A NEW SEAL IS NEEDED  
5   FOR A UNIFORM, WE WILL REPLACE IT WITH A NEW SEAL.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** AND I IMAGINE IT WILL BE THE SAME THING THAT  
8   HAPPENED ON THE PREVIOUS SEAL. EVERYONE WHO RECEIVED A PIN  
9   PRIOR TO THE PREVIOUS SEAL, WHICH WAS IN EFFECT UP TO 1957, I  
10   DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY TOOK THOSE BACK. I THINK THOSE PEOPLE  
11   PROBABLY CONTINUED WITH THOSE SEALS.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO THAT'S THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE ONES ON THE WALL?

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW YET.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'LL REPLACE THEM..

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. LANGSTON, DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE, PLEASE?

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST LIKE YOU DID WHEN YOU DECIDED THAT THE  
24   TUNA FISH WASN'T EXACTLY THE RIGHT DIMENSION OF TUNA FISH AND  
25   THEY CHANGED IT AT A COST OF \$2,800.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MR. LANGSTON, DID YOU WANT TO CONTINUE  
3 OR WAS THAT ALL YOU NEEDED TO KNOW?

4

5 **MR. LANGSTON:** THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE  
8 TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** DID YOU VOTE TO CHANGE THE TUNA FISH?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DIDN'T DO THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. HAMMOND VOTED TO CHANGE THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DIDN'T DO THAT. I THINK THE-- WHOEVER DID,  
17 IT WAS A MISUSE OF FUNDS. ANYWAY, WE HAVE A PROPOSAL BEFORE US  
18 THAT'S ASKING THAT THIS WOULD GO TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. IT  
19 WOULD SEEM TO ME, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF FAIRNESS AND BEING  
20 RESPECTFUL TO OUR CHAIRMAN WHO IS NOT HERE TO HAVE THAT  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE, WHO ASKED TO HAVE THAT  
22 OPPORTUNITY, THAT THE MOTION BE CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT WEEK.  
23 AND, IF THE BOARD WILL NOT CONTINUE IT TO NEXT WEEK, THEN I  
24 WOULD URGE THAT THE MOTION BE APPROVED TODAY.

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS  
2   ITEM?

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO, BRIEFLY, MADAM CHAIR, AND I THINK WE  
5   KNOW WHERE WE ALL STAND ON THIS BUT THERE WERE SOME THINGS  
6   THAT WERE SAID, I JUST THINK, IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS  
7   DISCUSSION, THAT NEED TO BE REITERATED. I HAD, LAST NIGHT, THE  
8   OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CASE THAT CAME  
9   DOWN FROM THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY AND I WAS PARTICULARLY  
10   FOCUSED ON JUSTICE O'CONNOR'S, I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT A  
11   CONCURRING OPINION. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A CONCURRING  
12   OPINION OR DESCENT. BUT SHE AGREED WITH THE DECISION THAT THE  
13   GENTLEMAN WHO BROUGHT THE CASE DIDN'T HAVE STANDING BUT SHE  
14   ALSO BELIEVES, SHE WANTED TO BE ON THE RECORD, AS TWO OTHER  
15   JUSTICES DID, THAT "UNDER GOD" IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
16   WAS-- SHE FELT WAS CONSTITUTIONAL. BUT HERE'S WHAT SHE SAID IN  
17   THE BODY OF HER OPINION, OF HER WRITING, THIS IS JUSTICE  
18   O'CONNOR, WHO BELIEVES THAT PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SHOULD  
19   REMAIN. SHE SAID, "THE CLEAREST COMMAND OF THE ESTABLISHMENT  
20   CLAUSE IS THAT ONE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION CANNOT BE OFFICIALLY  
21   PREFERRED OVER ANOTHER." SHE'S QUOTING FROM THE LARSON CASE.  
22   "WHILE GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RELIGION NEED NOT BE VIEWED  
23   BY REASONABLE OBSERVERS AS DENIGRATING THE NONRELIGIOUS, THE  
24   SAME CANNOT BE OF INSTANCES, QUOTE, WHERE THE ENDORSEMENT IS  
25   SECTARIAN IN THE SENSE OF SPECIFYING DETAILS UPON WHICH MEN



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1 AND WOMEN WHO BELIEVE IN A BENEVOLENT, OMNIPOTENT CREATOR AND  
2 RULER OF THE WORLD ARE KNOWN TO DIFFER," END QUOTE, QUOTING  
3 FROM ANOTHER CASE. "AS A RESULT," SHE GOES ON TO SAY, "NO  
4 RELIGIOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT COULD CLAIM TO BE AN INSTANCE OF  
5 CEREMONIAL DEISM IF IT EXPLICITLY FAVORED ONE PARTICULAR  
6 RELIGIOUS BELIEF SYSTEM OVER ANOTHER. THE PLEDGE COMPLIES WITH  
7 THIS REQUIREMENT. IT DOES NOT REFER TO A NATION UNDER JESUS OR  
8 UNDER VISHNU, BUT INSTEAD ACKNOWLEDGES RELIGION IN A GENERAL  
9 WAY, A SIMPLE REFERENCE TO A GENERIC GOD." NOW, THAT'S JUST  
10 THE MOST RECENT. LAST WEEK, THERE WAS A CASE IN THE NINTH  
11 CIRCUIT HERE BY-- THE OPINION WAS WRITTEN BY JUDGE KACZYNSKI  
12 ON AN ANALOGOUS CASE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN HALF A  
13 DOZEN CASES AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT CAUSED OUR COUNTY COUNSEL  
14 TO OPINE THAT, IF WE CHALLENGED THE CASE, IF WE DEFENDED THE  
15 LAWSUIT IF IT WERE BROUGHT, THAT WE WOULD HAVE-- THAT THE  
16 LIKELIHOOD IS WE WOULD LOSE. AND, AS I SAID TO SOMEBODY  
17 YESTERDAY, WHEN THE COUNTY COUNSEL SAYS THERE'S A LIKELIHOOD  
18 YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE, THAT'S ABOUT AS SURE A GUARANTEE THAT  
19 YOU GET FROM AN ATTORNEY, ESPECIALLY IN THIS BUILDING. SO I  
20 THINK IT'S PRETTY CLEAR. NOW, THE ISSUE IS WHETHER TO PUT IT  
21 ON THE BALLOT. WOULD MR. FORTNER, LET ME JUST ASK YOU, IS THE  
22 SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT REFERENDABLE, WHETHER WE WANT TO OR  
23 NOT? I MEAN, I GUESS WE COULD DO IT BUT, AS A MATTER OF  
24 COURSE, WE HAVE MADE AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT TO THE PLAINTIFFS--



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1 - POTENTIAL PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
2 IMPLICATIONS ARE. COULD YOU GUIDE US HERE?

3

4 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE  
5 ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WHETHER A LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT IS  
6 REFERENDABLE IS MOST LIKELY "NO" IN THIS CONTEXT AND WE DO NOT  
7 HAVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT IS ENFORCEABLE IN THE COURTS  
8 AT THIS JUNCTURE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT THIS JUNCTURE.

11

12 **RAY FORTNER:** BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO LITIGATION INSTITUTED,  
13 AND I-- AND SO I BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD COULD, IF IT CHOSE TO  
14 DO SO, PLACE AN ADVISORY MEASURE BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE ADVISORY.

17

18 **RAY FORTNER:** EITHER AN ADVISORY MEASURE OR I BELIEVE IT WOULD  
19 HAVE TO BE A CHARTER AMENDMENT, PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO  
20 PROVIDE THAT THE SEAL WILL BE THE SEAL ADOPTED IN 1957.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE VOTED IN  
23 FAVOR OF THE SEAL THAT WAS ADOPTED IN 1957, WOULD THAT CHANGE  
24 YOUR LEGAL ADVICE AS TO THE POSITION WE FACE IN COURT IF THIS  
25 WAS CHALLENGED?



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2 **RAY FORTNER:** NO, IT WOULD NOT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVEN AFTER THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR IT?

5

6 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT IS CORRECT. THE CONSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS  
7 WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY A POPULAR VOTE ONE WAY OR THE  
8 ANOTHER.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF WE DECIDED TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT,  
11 WE WOULD HAVE, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, ONE OF TWO OUTCOMES: ONE IS  
12 THAT WE WOULD BE SUED RIGHT NOW, THE OTHER IS WE MIGHT BE SUED  
13 AFTER-- OR, ACTUALLY, AFTER THE ELECTION OR BOTH. IS THAT  
14 CORRECT?

15

16 **RAY FORTNER:** YES, I WOULD THINK SO.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOUR ADVICE TO US IN EITHER INSTANCE  
19 WOULD BE THE SAME AS IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO?

20

21 **RAY FORTNER:** YES, IT WOULD.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE, DID YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THE ITEM?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, MAYBE YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE  
5 ALREADY TOOK TESTIMONY ON THIS AND THAT, AT THIS POINT, WE  
6 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I THINK EVERYONE HAD AN  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MISS PORTO? NO, MISS PORTO, IT DOESN'T WORK THAT  
10 WAY, MA'AM.

11

12 **FEMALE VOICE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE)

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, IT DOESN'T. PLEASE. AGAIN. THIS IS NOW THE  
15 DEBATE AMONGST THE SUPERVISORS.

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** IF THEY DON'T WANT US TO DEBATE, WE CAN GO ON AND  
18 JUST TAKE A VOTE ON IT. IF THEY DON'T WANT US TO DISCUSS IT  
19 ANY FURTHER, I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO JUST GO ON.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I ASK THE DEPUTY TO REMIND SOME OF THE  
22 PUBLIC AND ASK THEM IF THEY WANT TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSION,  
23 THEY COULD STEP OUT. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S  
24 IMPORTANT HERE, IF I MAY SAY, THAT, AGAIN, I THINK THAT A LOT  
25 OF PEOPLE WOULD SAY PUT IT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. I WANT TO





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1 REMIND FOLKS, WHEN ISSUES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THEY'RE  
2 UNCONSTITUTIONAL ANYWAY. I AM GRATEFUL, AS I SAID, TO THE  
3 CONSTITUTION BECAUSE THE CONSTITUTION IS UNDER THE  
4 RESPONSIBILITY AND THE DUTY THAT WE ALL HAVE SWORN TO UPHOLD  
5 AND IT HAS PROTECTED OUR RIGHTS ON AN ONGOING BASIS AND I  
6 TRUST THE CONSTITUTION. AND I THINK IT'S REINFORCED BY-- AS  
7 THEY HAVE BEEN MAKING DECISIONS ALONG THESE LINES. BUT, IN  
8 PARTICULAR, LET'S REMIND OURSELVES OF 187, WHICH,  
9 UNFORTUNATELY, WAS OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED BY THE VOTERS OF THE  
10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IT WAS STRUCK AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.  
11 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME SITUATION HERE. AND SO IT IS--  
12 PUTTING A BALLOT ON-- PUTTING THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR  
13 THE VOTERS DOES NOT CHANGE THE DYNAMICS. IT WILL STILL BE  
14 UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY ONE THING. SOMEONE GOT UP  
17 AND SAID SOMETHING ABOUT QUOTING ME, SAYING JIM CROW. I NEVER  
18 SAID ANY REFERENCE TO JIM CROW. I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IT WAS  
19 BUT ONE OF THESE GENTLEMEN MADE THAT STATEMENT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE, THEY'VE BEEN MISQUOTING US AND ME.  
22 THEY SAID THAT MY SPANISH, THE LAST TIME, THAT I HAD USED-- I  
23 WAS CURSING AT THE GENTLEMAN. I WAS NOT. I WAS RESPONDING TO  
24 HIS REQUEST TO ME. BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE MISINTERPRETING



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1 WHAT WE ARE SAYING UP HERE AND I THINK IT SERVES THEIR  
2 PURPOSE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I DO WANT TO SAY ONE THING. I THINK THAT  
5 SOMEONE MENTIONED LOS ANGELES. WELL, THERE ARE ANGELS IN  
6 VARIOUS RELIGIONS. ANGELS ARE NOT ONLY TO THE CHRISTIANITY  
7 AND, I BELIEVE, MY MYTHOLOGY SERVES ME RIGHT, THERE WERE  
8 ANGELS THAT ARE PORTRAYED IN SOME MYTHOLOGY. SO SOME OF THESE  
9 THINGS ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS. AND MY  
10 UNDERSTANDING AND MY READING OF THE CASES, THEY POINT OUT THAT  
11 WHAT IS A PROBLEM AND IS A GOVERNMENT ADVISEMENT AND  
12 ACCEPTANCE OF RELIGION IS WHEN THERE IS A CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE  
13 RELIGIOUS SYMBOL THAT IS PLACED BY GOVERNMENT IN SOME PLACE  
14 FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE BECAUSE, WHEN YOU DO THAT, YOU ARE  
15 ADVOCATING A RELIGION. THAT'S THE WAY THE COURTS HAVE  
16 INTERPRETED IT. AND, OF COURSE, THIS STATEMENT BY SUPREME  
17 COURT JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR ABSOLUTELY MAKES IT CLEAR.  
18 IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT GOD, MANY PEOPLE,  
19 WHETHER THEY'RE HINDU, BUDDHIST, THEY WORSHIP GOD, AND GOD,  
20 AND EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE CHALLENGING IT, THERE  
21 IS A VERY STRONG ARGUMENT THAT THIS DOES NOT PERPETUATE A  
22 RELIGION, AS SUCH, BECAUSE IT'S NOT SAYING WE TAKE ONE  
23 RELIGION OVER ANOTHER. NOW, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN YOU MOVE  
24 TOWARD A SYMBOL THAT IS READILY IDENTIFIABLE, AND THAT'S THE  
25 WORD THAT IS USED IN THESE CASES, IT SAYS THAT YOU IDENTIFY IT



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1 WITH THAT RELIGION, AND I'M CHRISTIAN, BUT MY FEELING IS THAT  
2 I RESPECT THE RIGHT OF OTHER PEOPLE AND I RESPECT THE  
3 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. AND IF THAT MEANS THAT I  
4 SHOULD BOW, AND EVERYONE SAYS BOW TO THE-- YOU'RE BOWING TO  
5 THE MOB, I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE MOB THERE COULD BE THAN THE  
6 ONE WHO IS SAYING THAT YOU CANNOT HAVE ANY OPINION, YOU CANNOT  
7 INTERPRET THE CONSTITUTION, YOU CANNOT ACCEPT THE CASES OF THE  
8 CONSTITUTION. AND MY POSITION ON THIS IS THAT WE KNOW WHAT THE  
9 OUTCOME WILL BE, IN ALL PROBABILITY. I'VE GONE THROUGH THIS  
10 ALSO IN OTHER INSTANCES. I REMEMBER WHEN PROPOSITION 14 WAS ON  
11 THE BALLOT AND THAT WAS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE,  
12 BUT IT WAS STRUCK DOWN. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW  
13 WHAT THAT WAS, IT WAS SETTING ASIDE LEGISLATION IN THE STATE  
14 OF CALIFORNIA THAT HAD SAID YOU CANNOT DISCRIMINATE ON SALE  
15 AND RENTAL OF PROPERTY ON THE BASIS OF RACE OR RELIGION. WELL,  
16 THE PEOPLE TOTALLY OVERRULED THAT. TOTALLY OVERRULED IT. BUT  
17 IT WENT TO COURT AND IT WAS THROWN OUT BECAUSE THEY SAID IT  
18 WAS A VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. AND, YES, THE  
19 CONSTITUTION IS DYNAMIC. THE CONSTITUTION DOES CHANGE. OUR  
20 CONSTITUTION DOES-- IS NOT INTERPRETED TODAY AS IT WAS  
21 INTERPRETED INITIALLY WHEN THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THAT  
22 CONSTITUTION WERE ADOPTED. AND, AS A RESULT, WE COME TODAY TO  
23 THE COURT AND WITH THE POSITION THE COURTS ARE TAKING. AND THE  
24 ONLY THING WE CAN RELY ON IS THAT THE PREVAILING VIEW OF THE  
25 SUPREME COURT OF THESE UNITED STATES HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR



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1 WHERE THEY STAND. AND FOR US TO SAY THAT WE WANT TO, AT THIS  
2 POINT, TAKE THE POSITION THAT WE WANT TO FIGHT THE SUPREME  
3 COURT, TAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT AND TRY TO  
4 CONVINCE THEM TO TAKE A DIFFERENT VIEW, I DO NOT BELIEVE IS  
5 APPROPRIATE. AND, WITH THAT, I'M SURE THAT IT WILL GO ON THE  
6 BALLOT, THAT THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO WILL PASS SIGNATURES AND  
7 IT WILL GO ON THE BALLOT. I'M SURE IT WILL PASS ON THE BALLOT.  
8 BUT I'M ALSO VERY SURE, BASED UPON EVERYTHING THAT I'VE READ,  
9 OF WHAT THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME WILL BE. AND, AT THIS POINT, I'M  
10 WILLING TO STICK WITH THE SUPREME COURT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME STATE THAT THERE IS NO LAWSUIT. THERE  
15 IS ONLY A LETTER THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED BY THE A.C.L.U. SO  
16 PLACING THIS ON THE BALLOT DOES NOT INTERJECT INTO A LAWSUIT.  
17 IT INTERJECTS INTO A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY THE A.C.L.U.  
18 WHAT THE BOARD IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO DO IS TO RENDER AN OPINION  
19 ON BEHALF OF THE COURT USING AS ITS REASONING A VERY  
20 POLITICALLY GENERATED ONE-SIDED COUNTY COUNSEL OPINION OF  
21 SEVEN PAGES, WHICH ONLY TWO PAGES, ONLY-- I SHOULD SAY OF THE  
22 SEVEN PAGES, ONLY TWO PARAGRAPHS SAY THAT THE CROSS IS  
23 CONSTITUTIONAL. TWO PARAGRAPHS. AND YOU HAVE, FROM THE CHAIR  
24 OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, FROM PEPPERDINE SCHOOL OF LAW, HE  
25 WRITES THAT, "I HAVE READ THE LEGAL OPINION BY MR. FORTNER. IT



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1 IS A MEMORANDUM THAT RESOLVES MOST EVERY ARGUABLE POINT  
2 AGAINST THE COUNTY IN FAVOR OF THE A.C.L.U. IT OVERLOOKS THE  
3 SEMINAL RELIGIOUS DISPLAY CASES AT THE SUPREME U.S. COURT  
4 LEVEL THAT WOULD FAVOR THE COUNTY AND GIVES UNDUE WEIGHT TO  
5 ADVERSE LOWER COURT JUDGMENTS OUT OF THEIR PARTICULAR CONTEXT  
6 WHICH IS, IN THIS AREA, DETERMINES THE LEGAL OUTCOME AS THE  
7 LATE CHIEF JUSTICE BERGER WROTE FOR THE COURT IN LYNCH VERSUS  
8 DONNELLY CONSIDERING AND APPROVING OF THIS DISPLAY OF A  
9 CHRISTMAS DISPLAY-- CHRISTIAN DISPLAY. ALONG WITH THAT AND  
10 YESTERDAY'S OPINION, JUSTICE-- PRESIDING JUSTICE REHNQUIST  
11 STATED THAT THE PHRASE, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" IS MORE ABOUT  
12 CEREMONY AND HISTORY THAN ABOUT RELIGION. HE LIKENED THE  
13 PRAISE TO THE MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" ON U.S. CURRENCY AND TO  
14 THE CALL THAT OPENS EACH SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT ITSELF,  
15 "GOD SAVE THIS HONORABLE COURT". ALL THESE EVENTS SUGGEST THAT  
16 OUR NATIONAL CULTURE ALLOWS PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF OUR NATION'S  
17 RELIGIOUS HISTORY AND CHARACTER", UNQUOTE, REHNQUIST WROTE.  
18 AND THEN YOU HAVE ANOTHER SEVEN-PAGE OPINION FROM THE AMERICAN  
19 CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE THAT ARGUED THE CASE IN THE SUPREME  
20 COURT YESTERDAY THAT SAYS THAT, "THE CROSS, AS A HISTORICAL  
21 STATEMENT OF HISTORICAL FACT, IS CONSTITUTIONAL." YOU HAVE  
22 ANOTHER FOUR-PAGE OPINION BY THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE FUND THAT  
23 STATES THE SAME AND YOU HAVE OTHERS FROM THE THOMAS MOORE  
24 FOUNDATION, I BELIEVE THERE ARE FIVE LEGAL FOUNDATIONS THAT  
25 GIVE PAGE AFTER PAGE AFTER PAGE OF RATIONAL REASONING, LEGAL



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1 REASONING WHY IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL VERSUS TWO FLIMSY  
2 PARAGRAPHS OF A SEVEN-PAGE OPINION FROM OUR COUNTY COUNSEL,  
3 WHICH IS A SHAME. BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A HISTORICAL FACT,  
4 A HISTORICAL FACT, AND THE PEOPLE THAT CALL THIS THE ANGELS,  
5 IT WAS AFTER-- THEY NAMED IT AFTER THE BLESSED MOTHER AND THE  
6 ANGELS WHEN THEY NAMED LOS ANGELES, AND THAT WAS WHAT WAS IN  
7 THE-- OUT OF THE WORDS OF THE PRIESTS WHO NAMED THIS AREA BACK  
8 IN THE 1700S. BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A HISTORICAL FACT, NOT  
9 INTERJECTING RELIGION, MAKING EVERYBODY A PARTICULAR FAITH,  
10 BUT MAKING EVERYONE RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND TO SAY THAT PEOPLE OF FAITH AND PEOPLE  
12 OF HISTORICAL RECORD HAVE NO STANDING AND THAT SOMEHOW  
13 SECULARIZATION AND ATHEISM HAS GREATER RECOGNITION OVER  
14 HISTORY IS WRONG. THAT'S THE SAME APPROACH THAT BOOK BURNERS  
15 HAVE USED IN THE PAST AND WE'VE SEEN IT IN GERMANY, WE'VE SEEN  
16 IT IN THE SOVIET UNION AND WE'VE SEEN IT IN OTHER TOTALITARIAN  
17 AREAS TRYING TO DESTROY HISTORY AND DESTROY THE HISTORICAL  
18 ROOTS AND THAT'S WHY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE ON AN ISSUE THAT HAS  
19 NOT BEEN LITIGATED IN A COURT OF LAW, WE ARE TAKING THE PLACE,  
20 IF WE SAY NO, OF THAT COURT OF LAW AND DENYING THAT TO TAKE  
21 PLACE IS WRONG.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I BE HEARD BRIEFLY?

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. I-- I-- THIS HAS BEEN LITIGATED.  
3 IT'S BEEN LITIGATED SEVERAL TIMES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THE  
4 SUPREME COURT HAS DECLINED TO TAKE ANY ONE OF THE CASES THAT  
5 HAVE BEEN LITIGATED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, WHICH IN AND OF  
6 ITSELF IS A STATEMENT. THE REASON THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S  
7 OPINION IS PREDOMINANTLY OR HAS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF OPINION ON  
8 THE OTHER SIDE IS BECAUSE THERE ARE PRACTICALLY NO CASES ON  
9 THE OTHER SIDE WHERE THEY'VE RULED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR  
10 VIEW, MIKE. AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN PROFESSOR KOMEK IS ON THE  
11 SUPREME COURT OR ON THE APPELLATE COURT OR WHEN THE THOMAS  
12 MOORE INSTITUTE GENERAL COUNSEL, WHO HAVE FILED A LAWSUIT  
13 AGAINST US, BY THE WAY, IT'S BEEN FILED IN FEDERAL COURT, WHEN  
14 THEY GET TO THE SUPREME COURT, THEY CAN RULE AND THEY CAN  
15 RENDER OPINIONS. BUT THE ONLY OPINIONS WE CAN RELY ON THAT THE  
16 COUNTY COUNSEL CAN RELY ON ARE THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN RENDERED.  
17 AND IF YOU READ CAREFULLY THE DECISION YESTERDAY BY THE  
18 SUPREME COURT, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE IS-- THERE'S A  
19 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THE ISSUE OF "UNDER GOD" AMONG THE  
20 JUSTICES. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, ABSOLUTELY NO  
21 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THE MATTER OF WHETHER ONE RELIGIOUS  
22 SYMBOL AT THE EXCLUSION OF OTHERS CAN BE PLACED ON A  
23 GOVERNMENT SEAL. AND THAT'S THE ISSUE WE HAVE. I HAVE TO-- I  
24 HAVE TO SAY, THE ISSUE FOR ME, AS IT IS FOR MS. MOLINA AND I  
25 THINK MS. BURKE SAID IT LAST WEEK, TOO, THE ISSUE FOR ME IS



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1 NOT THE COST OF DEFENDING THE LAWSUIT. WE HAVE ON THE AGENDA  
2 TODAY A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON A FIVE-TO-NOTHING  
3 VOTE LAST WEEK IN CLOSED SESSION, WE DECIDED NOT TO FIGHT THE-  
4 - I BELIEVE IT'S THE A.C.L.U., WASN'T IT, ON THE RODDY CASE? I  
5 BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE COUNSELS, THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHERS,  
6 BUT WE VOTED BY A VOTE OF FIVE-TO-NOTHING NOT TO GO TO THE  
7 SUPREME COURT ON A CASE RELATING TO OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM. I  
8 DON'T THINK MR. ANTONOVICH FELT THAT HE WAS CAVING TO THE  
9 A.C.L.U. WHEN HE VOTED NOT TO GO FORWARD. HE WAS ADVISED BY  
10 COUNSEL, AS WE ALL WERE, THAT CAUTION WAS THE BETTER PART OF  
11 VALOR AND WE THOUGHT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE  
12 COUNTY TO PROCEED THE WAY WE PROCEEDED. THAT IS THE SITUATION  
13 WE FACE HERE. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF POPULARITY. THE FIRST  
14 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION IS NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST. IT  
15 IS-- AND FOR ME, THE ISSUE, AS I WAS ABOUT TO SAY A MINUTE  
16 AGO, THE ISSUE WAS NOT COST OF DEFENDING IT. THE ISSUE IS, I  
17 DON'T WANT TO BE DEFENDING A POLICY OR AN ORDINANCE THAT I  
18 KNOW TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THAT'S ALL. IT'S VERY SIMPLE.  
19 CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT TO CALL IT. I WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO  
20 SUPPORTING THE DEFENSE OF SOMETHING THAT I KNOW TO BE AND THAT  
21 MY LAWYERS HAVE TOLD ME IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. PERIOD. OVER AND  
22 OUT. AND THAT HAS-- THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE A.C.L.U.  
23 THEY HAPPEN TO BE THE LAWYERS WHO BROUGHT IT, MA'AM, AND YOU  
24 CAN HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE A.C.L.U. ALL YOU WANT. WE'VE BEEN  
25 SUED BY THEM MORE OFTEN THAN PROBABLY ANY OTHER PUBLIC



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1 INTEREST LAW FIRM AROUND HERE. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU  
2 DON'T LOOK AT EACH CASE AS IT COMES ALONG. AND, IF YOU HATE  
3 THE A.C.L.U., AS SO MANY PEOPLE SEEM TO THESE DAYS OUT THERE,  
4 RECOGNIZE ONE THING, THAT EVEN A STOPPED CLOCK IS RIGHT TWICE  
5 A DAY. THEY HAVE THE LAW ON THEIR SIDE THIS TIME AND JUST  
6 BECAUSE WE MAY DISAGREE WITH THEM ON A WHOLE HOST OF OTHER  
7 THINGS DOESN'T MEAN-- DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU DON'T FACE UP TO  
8 REALITY. SO, ON THE ISSUE BEFORE US, THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS  
9 ADVISED, AND I THINK IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT, IT'S THE  
10 LINCHPIN OF THIS, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO AND NO MATTER WHAT THE  
11 VOTERS DO DOESN'T CHANGE HIS ADVICE AND DOESN'T CHANGE WHETHER  
12 IT'S A CHARTER-- WHETHER THE SEAL IS CODIFIED IN THE COUNTY  
13 CODE OR IN THE CHARTER OF LOS ANGELES, IT DOESN'T CHANGE OUR  
14 VULNERABILITY ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS. CORRECT? THAT'S  
15 RIGHT. AND I THINK, IN LIGHT OF THAT, I'M PREPARED TO VOTE  
16 "NO" ON THE MOTION.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE...

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXCEPT THERE HAVE BEEN CASES THAT DO SUPPORT  
21 THE CROSS. SO THE POINT IS, DO YOU GO WITH THOSE WHERE THEY'VE  
22 SUPPORTED IT OR DO YOU GO WITHOUT IT WITHOUT A FIGHT AND WE  
23 DO-- AND MIXING UP THE HOSPITAL ISSUE IS AN APPLE AND ORANGE  
24 SITUATION. THEY'RE NOT EVEN RELATED TO THIS. IT'S A DIFFERENT  
25 SITUATION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, IT'S DIFFERENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE A  
3 DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, IT'S A DIFFERENT LEGAL SITUATION  
6 ALTOGETHER BECAUSE OF THE FACTS OF LAW THAT WOULD BE PERMITTED  
7 IN A HIGHER COURT. WE WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THOSE  
8 FACTS INVOLVED BUT...

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT YOU DO ADMIT THAT THE A.C.L.U. IS ONE OF THE  
11 ATTORNEYS?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THEY'RE AN ATTORNEY IN EVERYTHING  
14 BECAUSE THEY'RE A BUNCH OF PARASITES. THEY JUMP ON THESE CASES  
15 BECAUSE THEY GET MONEY IN LEGAL FEES. SO, I MEAN, THAT'S... [  
16 APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE HAVE BEEN CASES ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS  
19 ISSUE AND THE POINT IS, YOU HAD A NUMBER OF LAW FIRMS THAT  
20 HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE FREE LEGAL COUNSEL, AND  
21 WITH THE RECENT CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT, WE FEEL THAT IT  
22 WOULD BE CONSTITUTIONAL AND YOU HAVE TO DETERMINE, DOES A  
23 HISTORICAL FACT WARRANT THAT OR SHOULD WE REWRITE HISTORY? I  
24 WOULD SIDE ON THE FACT OF HISTORICAL FACT AND NOT ATTEMPT TO  
25 REWRITE HISTORY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. COULD I ASK OUR COUNTY CLERK TO  
3 PLEASE-- VIOLET, IF YOU'D PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. OKAY. THAT ITEM FAILS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY MORE ITEMS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE, DO YOU HAVE-- NO, THERE ARE OTHER  
24 ITEMS. MS. BURKE, DO YOU HAVE...

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WANT TO INTRODUCE.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. YOU STILL HAVE ITEM NUMBER 34. RIGHT?

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5    **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL-- I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN I'LL  
6    CALL THAT UP.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS FIRST.

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10    **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN FOR RAY  
11    CHARLES. I KNOW WE'VE ALREADY DONE THAT BUT HE WAS HONORED AS  
12    PART OF THE LIVING LEGENDS THAT IS PART OF THE SECOND DISTRICT  
13    AWARDS THAT WE GIVE OUT OVER THE YEARS AND IT WAS MANY YEARS  
14    AGO THAT HE WAS A LIVING LEGEND FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT. HE  
15    HAS BEEN, REALLY, A RESIDENT AT ONE TIME OF THE SECOND  
16    DISTRICT, EVEN THOUGH, I THINK, WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, HE LIVED  
17    IN BEVERLY HILLS. HIS FAMILY GREW UP IN THE SECOND DISTRICT  
18    AND HE HAS BEEN A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES OVER  
19    MANY, MANY YEARS AND MADE SO MANY CONTRIBUTIONS. BUT THE THING  
20    I WANTED TO EMPHASIZE IS, THIS IS A PERSON WHO WAS SO  
21    PHILANTHROPIC. HE GAVE MILLIONS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
22    AND SOMEHOW THIS HAS NOT BEEN REALLY DISCUSSED DURING THIS  
23    TIME AS WE TALK ABOUT HIS PASSING. BUT HE GAVE MILLIONS AND  
24    MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE  
25    COUNTRY BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IN EDUCATION AND HE WANTED TO MAKE





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1 SURE THAT SCHOOLS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT  
2 AFFORD IT, AND HIS PHILANTHROPY WAS JUST REALLY INCREDIBLE. I  
3 ALSO WANT TO MOVE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY MIYASHITI, AND  
4 SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. SHE'S SURVIVED BY  
5 HER HUSBAND, KAZ. I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS KAZ MIYASHITI AND HER  
6 DAUGHTER, CAROL, AND THEY HAVE BEEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN VERY  
7 INVOLVED OVER MANY, MANY YEARS. AND JAMES MARTIN INGRAM, JR.  
8 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 4TH AT THE AGE OF 22, A FINE YOUNG MAN  
9 WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM. A 1999 GRADUATE OF JUNIPERO  
10 SERA HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE SERVED AS STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.  
11 AN EXPLORER AT THE FIRE STATION 58 AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE  
12 SENTORIANS, A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM CLASS 15 OF THE JAMES  
13 STERN FIRE ACADEMY, VOLUNTEER AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
14 FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, STELLA AND  
15 JAMES INGRAM AND HIS SISTER, CHARLAVONNA AND JAMIE AND FIANCE,  
16 PRISCILLA. AND SAMUEL LEE FLETCHER, SR., WHO PASSED AWAY MAY  
17 23RD AT THE AGE OF 65. A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF  
18 LOS ANGELES, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BERNICE, AND THREE SONS AND  
19 TWO DAUGHTERS. AND RICHARD BRUCE, FORMER L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPUTY WHO SERVED AT THE CENTURY STATION FROM OCTOBER 1993 TO  
21 FEBRUARY 2001, WHEN HE RESIGNED FROM COUNTY SERVICE TO HELP IN  
22 THE FAMILY BUSINESS. HE WAS KILLED IN IRAQ WHILE SERVING AS AN  
23 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. DEPUTY BRUCE WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.S.  
24 NAVY ASSIGNED AS A NAVY SEAL. HE LEFT MILITARY SERVICE IN 1987  
25 AND JOINED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN 1989. AFTER HIS



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1 RESIGNATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN 2001, HE WAS HIRED BY A  
2 PRIVATE CONTRACTOR WHO RECOGNIZED HIS PREVIOUS SPECIALIZED  
3 MILITARY SERVICE TO PROVIDE DIGNITY AND PROTECTION TO THE NEW  
4 IRAQI GOVERNMENT. HE WAS KILLED WHILE PERFORMING HIS DUTIES.  
5 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIA AND THREE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER,  
6 KELLY. AND FINALLY, RUTH CLAYTON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE  
7 SECOND DISTRICT. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, PATRICIA  
8 CLAYTON.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO BRING IN AND THIS  
13 WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION YESTERDAY. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN ON  
14 THE AGENDA ON THE GREEN LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS BECAUSE THERE IS  
15 AN APPLICATION THAT MUST BE SENT TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE  
16 CONTROL BY MONDAY, AND IT MUST BE FILED BY THE 21ST, SO I'M  
17 ASKING THAT THIS BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD TODAY. IT WOULD  
18 HAVE GONE ON THE GREEN SHEET BUT, BECAUSE OF FRIDAY'S DAY OF  
19 REMEMBRANCE, IT DID NOT GET ON THE GREEN SHEET. AND BASICALLY  
20 WHAT THIS IS...

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO WE HAVE THE FINDINGS FOR THAT? THAT WOULDN'T  
23 BE A PROBLEM?

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25 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** IT IS UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES ACTING THROUGH THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
4 PREVENTION HAS ANNOUNCED THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FISCAL  
5 YEAR 2004 FUNDS FOR THE SECRETARIES PREVENTION INITIATION FOR  
6 AMERICANS ENTITLED STEPS TO A HEALTHIER U.S., A TOTAL OF \$10  
7 BILLION IS-- I'M SORRY, 10,500,000 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED  
8 NATIONWIDE. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PREPARED  
9 AND SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR STEPS LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE  
10 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH/SOUTHEAST LOS  
11 ANGELES TARGETING CHRONIC DISEASE, SPECIFICALLY OBESITY,  
12 DIABETES, AND ASTHMA. THE APPLICATION WAS APPROVED BUT NOT  
13 FUNDED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVISED ITS PREVIOUS APPLICATION  
14 AND IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A STEPS GRANT WHICH  
15 WOULD SERVE THE COMMUNITIES OF COMPTON, FLORENCE, WILLOWBROOK,  
16 SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND WATTS. THE TARGET AREA MUST SERVE A  
17 CONTIGUOUS AREA OF NO MORE THAN 500,000 PERSONS AND THERE CAN  
18 ONLY BE ONE APPLICATION FOR JURISDICTION. THIS AREA WAS CHOSEN  
19 BECAUSE OF THE ISSUES OF DISEASE AND I WOULD ASK THAT THE  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO  
21 SIGN THE ATTACHED TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE STEPS APPLICATION  
22 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH IS DUE JUNE 21ST, 2004.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY  
4    OBJECTION TO THAT ITEM? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

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6    **SUP. BURKE:** IS THERE ONE ITEM LEFT? ITEM...?

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8    **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE, I HAVE THAT YOU HELD ITEM 34. DID WE  
9    ALREADY HANDLE THAT OR NOT? I DON'T THINK WE DID.

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11    **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL RELEASE IT. I'LL RELEASE 34. I MOVE 34.

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13    **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THAT ITEM IS MOVED AND SECONDED. IF THERE'S  
14    NO OBJECTION, THEN ITEM 34 IS APPROVED.

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16    **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST HAD SOME QUESTIONS AND THEY WERE ALL  
17    ANSWERED.

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19    **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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21    **SUP. BURKE:** I HAD QUESTIONS WHICH WERE ANSWERED.

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23    **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'VE BEEN RESOLVED. OKAY. I'D LIKE TO-- THIS  
24    IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
25    THE NAME OF PEDRO PETE GUILLEN. MR. PETE GUILLEN PASSED AWAY



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1 ON JUNE THE 7TH AT THE AGE OF 77. HE STARTED AT THE AGE OF 10  
2 WORKING FOR THE CASTANEDA DAIRY IN PARAMOUNT AND, AT 18, HE  
3 WAS DRAFTED IN THE U.S. ARMY, WAS TRAINED TO AIRCRAFT MECHANIC  
4 AND THEN SENT TO JAPAN. HE WAS HIRED BY MCDONEL DOUGLAS  
5 AIRCRAFT IN LONG BEACH AS A MACHINIST. HE RETIRED IN '87. HE'S  
6 SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, THERESA, AND BROTHERS, ROBERT, JESSE,  
7 MANUEL, AND RAYMOND AS WELL AS 32 NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND  
8 SEVERAL GRAND NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THIS IS ON BEHALF OF  
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. I HAVE ONE  
10 ADJOURNMENT, AND THAT IS THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY  
11 OF RAMONA GEORGIANA VILLARREAL, A FRIEND OF MY STAFF MEMBER,  
12 ROSE MARIE LOPEZ. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO  
13 THE VILLARREAL FAMILY. SO THOSE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED  
14 ON THOSE ITEMS. AND I THINK ONE LAST ITEM. I HAD HELD ITEM  
15 NUMBER 41 AND 42, AND BASICALLY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE  
16 FOLLOWING MOTION AND BASICALLY THAT I MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
17 APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SHOWN ON THE BOARD LETTER ON  
18 ITEM NUMBER 2 THAT WE DIRECT THE COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES  
19 DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TO HOLD THE SET ASIDE FUNDS  
20 FOR MARKETING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS SERVICES IN  
21 ABEYANCE FOR FUTURE ALLOCATION AND REDIRECT A PORTION OF THOSE  
22 FUNDS TO THE BASIC CORE SERVICES AND THAT WE DIRECT THE C.S.S.  
23 CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS  
24 WITH A REVISED FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH OF THE SET  
25 ASIDE FUNDS AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE



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1 REMAINING AMOUNTS OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT. SO I'D LIKE  
2 TO MOVE THAT ITEM AS AMENDED, THOSE TWO ITEMS AS AMENDED.  
3 SECONDED BY MS. BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
4 ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL OF THE ITEMS EXCEPT  
5 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE? ITEM 4? WHO  
6 HELD ITEM NUMBER 4? OKAY. WHO WAS THAT HELD-- MR. WILLIAMS,  
7 ARE YOU HERE? WARREN WILLIAMS? HE'S NOT HERE. ALL RIGHT. THAT  
8 ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. I  
10 THINK 98 WAS ALSO HELD. ALSO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
12 SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. NOW, IS THIS PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY. ITEM  
13 NUMBER 57, MISS AUTRY, YOU HELD THAT ITEM. PLEASE COME UP.  
14 PLEASE, MISS AUTRY, BEGIN.

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16 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER  
17 OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY. RELATIVE TO  
18 THAT ITEM, WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY IS ABOUT THE MENTALLY ILL,  
19 BECAUSE I LIVE HERE IN DOWNTOWN. THERE'S SO MANY MENTALLY ILL  
20 AND I HAVE BEEN FALSELY LABELED AS BEING MENTALLY ILL. I  
21 WANTED TO STATE SOMETHING THAT MARVIN SOUTHARD, WHO IS THE  
22 DIRECTOR OF YOUR MENTALLY ILL DEPARTMENT, SOMETHING THAT HE  
23 HAD DIVULGED DURING A COMMISSION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
24 MEETING. HE SAID THAT THEY KNOW THAT, WHEN THEY TAKE BABIES  
25 FROM BIOLOGICAL PARENTS, THAT THE WOUNDS ARE SO DEEP THAT MOST





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1 OF THE CHILDREN BECOME SUBSTANCE ABUSERS. HE SAID THAT THEY  
2 USUALLY BECOME SUBSTANCE ABUSERS OR ALCOHOLICS. WHAT ALSO  
3 HAPPENS IS THERE ARE DEEP, DEEP, DEEP EMOTIONAL WOUNDS. WE--  
4 ACTUALLY, WHAT I WANTED TO STATE RELATIVE TO THE MENTAL ISSUE,  
5 HEALTH ISSUE IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
6 SERVICES, WHICH IS UNDER YOUR AUSPICES, ARE CREATING MENTALLY  
7 ILL CHILDREN. THEY'RE CREATING AUTISTIC CHILDREN. THEY'RE  
8 CREATING CHILDREN, A GENERATION OF CHILDREN, WHO ARE  
9 DYSFUNCTIONAL, WHO ARE BECOMING ANGRY AND VIOLENT TO BE USED  
10 EITHER IN THE PRESENT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OR IN THE MILITARY,  
11 AND MANY CHILDREN ARE STILL BEING ABUSED. THEY'RE BEING RAPED.  
12 THEY'RE STILL BEING SODOMIZED. THEY'RE BEING TORTURED AND  
13 THEY'RE BEING MADE SEX SLAVES OR HOWEVER THEY'RE BEING USED BY  
14 THESE PEDOPHILES WHO, YOU KNOW, THE A.C.L.U. IS PROTECTING,  
15 YOU KNOW, HOW QUIET IS IT'S KEPT, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE PEOPLE  
16 THINK THESE ARE THE THROWAWAY CHILDREN, AND THEY ARE NOT. AS  
17 LONG AS, YOU KNOW, I CAN BE A VOICE FOR THESE CHILDREN AND  
18 OTHER PARENTS WHO ARE NOT AFRAID, THEN I WILL. AGAIN, I WANT  
19 YOU TO PLEASE KNOW THAT CHILDREN DON'T JUST NEED RITALIN. YOU  
20 KNOW, THERE WAS A WOMAN WHO WAS PROPOSING HYPNOSIS. THEY DON'T  
21 JUST NEED TO BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS. THEY  
22 DON'T JUST NEED TO BE LABELED AUTISTIC, ATTENTION DEFICIT  
23 DISORDER SUFFERERS. WHAT THEY NEED IS TIME WITH THEIR PARENTS  
24 OR RECONCILIATION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS STILL FINANCING  
25 THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF THE HOME WITH FOSTER CARE



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1 PARENTS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE PAID TO DO, \$300 MILLION  
2 IS STILL ALLOCATED TO ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION AND PLACEMENT OF  
3 CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF THE BIOLOGICAL HOME, WHERE MORE MONEY  
4 SHOULD BE USED STILL FOR RECONCILIATION TO PREVENT THOSE  
5 WOUNDS. YOU KNOW, MY SON WAS TAKEN FROM ME. NOW HE HAS TEMPER  
6 TANTRUMS, AND HE NEVER DID THAT, YOU SEE, WHEN I HAD VISITS,  
7 BUT BECAUSE OF THE LIES THAT SOCIAL WORKERS TELL AND THE  
8 ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY THAT THEY GET EXCEPT FOR ONE GOVERNMENT  
9 CODE, THERE ARE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS  
10 OF CHILDREN THAT ARE NOW DRUGGED AND, JUST BECAUSE OF THAT  
11 INITIAL WOUND OF BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM PARENTS WHEN THAT  
12 SITUATION COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN REMEDIED. THAT IS MY POINT.  
13 THESE CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING AND THESE ARE THE FUTURE  
14 GENERATIONS. SO YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR CHILDREN,  
15 CHILDREN ARE BUYING AND SELLING DRUGS ON CAMPUS, PROBABLY  
16 BECAUSE OF SOME INITIAL WOUNDS, I'M NOT SAYING THAT D.C.F.S.  
17 INFLECTED, BUT I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED. ALSO WHAT I WANTED TO  
18 SAY IS, YOU KNOW, WITH ALL OF THE ACCOLADES OF RONALD REAGAN,  
19 YOU KNOW, HE RELEASED, I DON'T KNOW, HUNDREDS OF MENTALLY ILL  
20 PEOPLE INTO THE STREET. DID ANYBODY REMEMBER THAT? I WAS A  
21 FRESHMAN AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL. IT WAS HORRIBLE. YOU KNOW?  
22 AND THAT MAN, YOU KNOW, HE WAS A RACIST AND A WHITE  
23 SUPREMACIST. HE WAS NOT A HERO OF MY PEOPLE. I JUST WANTED TO  
24 SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD. I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK ILL OF THE  
25 DEAD...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS AUTRY.

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4 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** BUT DO YOU THINK A LOT OF THOSE  
5 MENTALLY ILL ARE STILL ON THE STREET?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS AUTRY.

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9 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** SO LET'S NOT CREATE MORE.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED  
12 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED  
13 ON THAT ITEM. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS. WE HAVE  
14 NOW THREE PEOPLE THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT.  
15 LEE PARADISE, ESTER LOFTON AND, AGAIN, MISS AUTRY. IS MISS  
16 PARADISE HERE? PLEASE PROCEED. IS MR. PARADISE HERE? MS.  
17 LOFTON?

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19 **ESTER LOFTON:** MY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
20 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS YVONNE B. BURKE, WHO IS ALSO A  
21 LICENSED ATTORNEY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RELINQUISH  
22 POWERS THAT ONLY SHE, AS A BOARD MEMBER, HAS THE RIGHT TO  
23 EXERCISE TO A DEPUTY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, THE  
24 LOSING SIDE IN CASE NUMBER C895188, LEON LOFTON, JR., ET AL,  
25 VERSUS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICT, SUPERIOR COURT L.A. ANY PERSON OF NORMAL  
2 INTELLIGENCE WOULD HAVE PARTICIPATED THAT I WOULD BE THE  
3 OBJECT OF A HATCHET JOB, WHICH I WAS, AND THAT THE WRIT I WAS  
4 SEEK IN CASE BSO 86123, ESTER M. LOFTON VERSUS YVONNE BURKE,  
5 SUPERIOR COURT, WOULD BE THWARTED. CASE NUMBER C895188 HAS  
6 BEEN AN ALREADY AGREED UPON MATTER SINCE JANUARY THE 23RD,  
7 1967, WHEN DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL RON APPLESON AFFIXED HIS  
8 SIGNATURE TO THE JOINT PRETRIAL STATEMENT EFFECTIVELY  
9 DECLARING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OF LAUSD GUILTY AS CHARGED. THE  
10 FACTS OF BASIC COMPLEX IN VITAL CASE NUMBER 895188 STILL  
11 REMAIN THE SAME. TOO, I AM I RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER OF THE  
12 SECOND DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. UNDER THESE  
13 THREE CONDITIONS, THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER, CASE NUMBER BSO  
14 86123, SHOULD NOT BE AT ISSUE, BUT IT IS. IF I CANNOT HOLD MY  
15 SUPERVISOR ACCOUNTABLE TO THE RULE OF LAW, THIS DISINGENUOUS,  
16 UN-AMERICAN DEMAND FOR \$5,000 AND ITS RULINGS AND FURTHERANCE  
17 STANDS. IF I CANNOT OPPOSE A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO  
18 EGREGIOUSLY IGNORES THE INALIENABLE GOD- GIVEN RIGHTS OF HER  
19 CONSTITUENT, THE ABSENCE OF WHICH REDUCES THE CONSTITUENT  
20 UNDER ABSOLUTE DESPOTISM, THEN THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF  
21 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES ARE MERELY TINKLING SYMBOLS, SUBJECT OF MOCKERY AND  
23 RIDICULE. HOWEVER, IF I BELIEVE THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE  
24 FARCE, I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS  
25 A UNIQUE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT THAT HAS AND CAN EXERCISE ALL THE



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1 POWERS, EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL, SPECIFIED BY THE  
2 CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND BY THE  
3 CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND SUCH OTHER POWERS AS  
4 ARE NECESSARILY IMPLIED. THESE POWERS HAVE BEEN DELEGATED TO  
5 YOU, ONE, SO THAT NO ONE UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION CAN LIVE  
6 BELOW THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW, SO THAT YOU CAN...

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. LOFTON, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE?  
9 YOUR TIME IS UP.

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11 **MS. LOFTON:** OKAY. WELL, I URGE YOU TO USE YOUR POWER TO GIVE  
12 ME EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF AND I'D LIKE TO LEAVE COPIES OF THIS  
13 FOR YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS LOFTON. MISS AUTRY.

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17 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES, AND IN MY THIRD ADDRESS OF THE  
18 BOARD TODAY, THANK YOU AGAIN. FINALLY, WHAT I WAS ALSO GOING  
19 TO SAY, NOT IN SPEAKING ILL OF THE DEAD BUT EVERYONE JUST  
20 SUPPORTED THIS MAN, AND I REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS A FRESHMAN AT  
21 ST. MARY'S AND WHAT HE DID WITH NICARAGUA AND THE CONTRA  
22 SCANDAL. YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH SO THAT WE WON'T  
23 HAVE OTHER PEOPLE IN POWER THAT WILL DUPLICATE, YOU KNOW, I  
24 THINK, SOME OF THE HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE ACTIONS OF THIS MAN.  
25 ALSO, HE HAD THIS HAITIAN MAN EXECUTED, I BELIEVE, I DON'T



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1 WANT TO MISQUOTE BUT HIS NAME WAS BISHOP OR SOMETHING LIKE  
2 THAT, BUT I REMEMBER, HE WAS A HORRIBLE RACIST. I REALLY-- HE  
3 WAS NOT A CHAMPION, LIKE I SAID, OF BLACK PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF  
4 COLOR OR POOR PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, NOT AT ALL, AND WHAT HE  
5 DID FOR THE ENTIRE NATION AND WITH THE IRAN CONTRA AFFAIR, I  
6 DON'T THINK THAT THAT WAS POSITIVE. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING  
7 ABOUT THAT ON THE NEWS. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT TO SPEND MY  
8 TIME TALKING ABOUT. FINALLY, I WANTED TO READ SOMETHING, AN  
9 ARTICLE THAT WAS WRITTEN ABOUT DEBORAH REED'S SON, WHO WAS  
10 MURDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
11 BECAUSE HE WAS OVERMEDICATED. THAT WAS JONATHAN REED. IT SAYS  
12 WITH REGARDS TO DEBORAH, WHO WAS CALLED CRAZY AND OTHER  
13 MENTALLY ILL LABELS, BUT SHE FOUGHT AND HAD THOSE LABELS  
14 REMOVED. SHE WAS LABELED, IT SAYS, "PSYCHO MOM". CHARGES WERE  
15 WAGED AGAINST HER BUT WERE THREW OUT BECAUSE SHE FOUGHT. THIS  
16 IS AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. IT SAYS,  
17 "D.C.F.S. INVESTIGATOR SYSTEMATICALLY IGNORED INFORMATION THAT  
18 PAINTED REED AS A GOOD MOTHER." THIS IS THE ONLY WAY-- IT SAYS  
19 YOU MUST COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
20 SERVICES INVESTIGATION. IF YOU DO NOT, THIS WILL BE HELD  
21 AGAINST YOU, AS IT WAS IN REED'S CASE AND ALSO IN MY OWN. IT  
22 SAYS YOU ARE CONVICTED ON HEARSAY. YOU DON'T GET TO CONFRONT  
23 YOUR ACCUSERS BEFORE THE CHILD IS TAKEN AWAY AND THE ONLY WAY  
24 TO GET YOUR CHILDREN BACK IS TO CONFESS TO-- ADMIT TO THE  
25 ACCUSATIONS, TO TAKE YOUR COUNSELING, IF YOU BOW DOWN, YOU CAN





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1 HAVE YOUR CHILDREN BACK. DEBORAH WOULD NOT BOW DOWN. THEY DID  
2 NOT EXPECT IT. SHE PISSED EVERYONE OFF IN THE SYSTEM. NOT ONLY  
3 WOULD REED NOT BOW DOWN, SHE FOUGHT BACK FEROCIOUSLY, AND ONE  
4 OF THE JUDGE THREW OUT MANY OF THE PSYCHO MOM CHARGES AGAINST  
5 HER. WE ARE NOT PSYCHO MOMS. YOU UNDERSTAND? SHE FOUGHT BACK.  
6 I'M FIGHTING BACK. OUR CHILDREN, LIKE I SAID, ARE BEING  
7 ABUSED. SHE STILL HAS, THANK GOD, HER OTHER SON. BUT, AGAIN,  
8 YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE D.C.F.S. AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS  
9 THAT ARE FALSELY ACCUSING PARENTS AND FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE  
10 DYING. THERE'S A PSYCHIATRIST THAT FALSELY LABELED ME, HIS  
11 NAME IS MICHAEL MALONEY, AND I FILED FOR AN INVESTIGATION.  
12 THIS MAN HAS ALSO FALSELY ACCUSED OR MISLABELED OTHER PARENTS  
13 SO THAT OUR CHILDREN CAN BE TAKEN AWAY AND THEN THOSE FEDERAL  
14 FUNDS ARE RELEASED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
15 SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS. THIS IS A HORRIBLE FARCE. ALSO, FOR  
16 WOMEN AND MEN THAT ARE OUTSPOKEN AS ACTIVISTS, I WAS A BLACK  
17 PANTHER PARTICIPATOR FOR A WHILE. ALSO, I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE,  
18 MARCUS GARVEY, GOING TO ANTI-POLICE BRUTALITY MEETINGS, I  
19 THINK, YOU KNOW, MADE ME CIRCUMSPECT AND I HAVE FOUR OTHER  
20 MOTHERS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM SIMPLY  
21 BECAUSE THEY HAVE USED THEIR FREEDOM OF SPEECH WITH NON-  
22 VIOLENCE TO DISCOURAGE BEING OUTSPOKEN. AND-- OKAY. SO THAT  
23 CAN BE ON THE RECORD.  
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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE CONCLUDED ALL OF OUR ITEMS FOR  
2   TODAY. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WE'RE GOING TO CLOSED SESSION.  
3   COULD WE PLEASE READ THE PROPER...

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5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
6   REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
7   SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
8   1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION  
9   AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ALSO, THE NEXT MEETING OF  
10   THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 2004, AT  
11   9:30 A.M. FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. THANK YOU.

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